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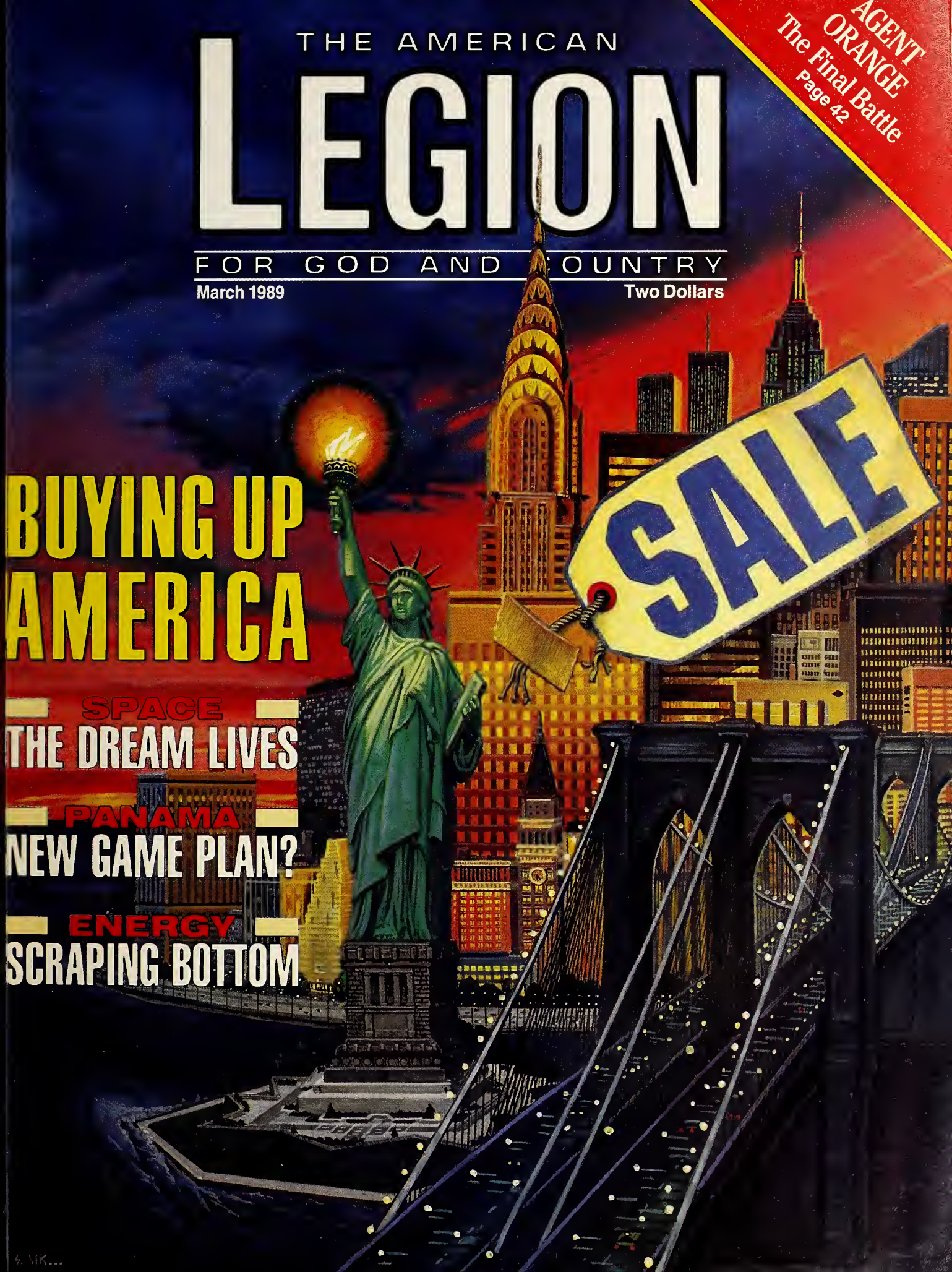
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HILE many organizations are struggling to maintain their membership, The American Legion has just completed four consecutive years of growth unequalled since the end of

World War II. As we observe our 70th anniversary this month, we are within striking distance of marching into our Baltimore National Convention 3 million members strong. It will take a little extra effort by us all to achieve this 42-year high, but I'm confident that we will do just that.

As I travel the nation and brag a little about the great things the Legion is accomplishing, I'm often asked to describe our marketing plan or elaborate on the secrets of our success. I have to confess that we have neither. There's no need to market a belief in helping your fellow man, and it's surely no secret that there are a lot of people out there who still cherish traditional American values and want to be part of an organization founded on the ideals they hold dear.

And what are those ideals? Certainly paramount among them are the belief in a strong national defense, an adequate education for all of our children, a job for every veteran who wants to work, and help for those veterans and their families who can't help themselves.

Even Madison Avenue recognizes such ideals. "The heartbeat of America" is not about selling cars, any more than

the "right thing to do" is about eating oatmeal. These slogans catch our attention because they touch something deep in each of us; because they are aimed at the very core of what our nation has always stood for. They capitalize on a pervasive and deeply felt sense of pride in America and respect for the moral underpinnings that made her great.

If you're not selling big-ticket merchandise or pitching food, some people try to tell you that patriotism, honoring commitments, and doing the right thing, merely because it is the right thing, are subjective and outmoded concepts—simplistic ideals that have little relevance in our sophisticated world. That's a bunch of baloney, and every veteran knows it.

It makes me angry when many of the ideals I value are scoffed at, and such things as showing respect for our flag are considered hokey or old-fashioned. Well, I think it's about time we do something about that and some other things, too!

It makes me angry when I meet a veteran—a poor, sick veteran—who has been turned away from a VA hospital because he's not in the right category to get help in times of budgetary cutbacks. It makes me angry that our government can choose to ignore those sacred commitments it made when our country was at war.

It makes me angry when a Vietnam veteran, who has been struggling with rehabilitation for 10 years, tells me now that he's got his head screwed on right

the government tells him that his GI educational benefits have expired. It makes me angry when a veteran's widow needs to beg for help because there is no longer an adequate burial allowance for those who served their country with distinction and honor.

After talking with thousands of Legionnaires and other veterans, I've discovered that I'm not the only one who's angry. A lot of us are angry, and for many that anger becomes rage when they realize they're helpless to right the wrongs they see. One man or woman alone can do little to affect governmental priorities or have an impact on our nation's legislative agenda.

That's another reason I thank God for The American Legion. Though I alone can do little, I can do much with the strength of an army of millions at my side. People ask me why reaching 3 million members is so important. I tell them that the history of the Legion is replete with examples illustrating the power of numbers and the strength of unity.

In the dark days of the Great Depression, tens of thousands of veterans were angry because they saw injustices being done to our doughboys who had gone from "defenders of the nation" to beggars on its street corners. They were outraged that widows and orphans of those who didn't return had no one to help them. They were appalled that a man who gave a leg, or an arm, or a lung so that American ideals would survive, had few medical options so that he, too, could carry on.

And The American Legion was angry. But we mustered the full force of our strength and helped plan the Veterans Administration. We then persuaded Congress that it was, indeed, the right thing to do.

When the United States was getting ready to readjust to a peacetime economy with the end of World War II in sight, millions who had made peace possible were angry that they had lost educational and economic opportunities while serving on the battlefields of the world. The Legion was angry too, yet our strength prevailed and the GI Bill of Rights was born. Anger was mobilized and transformed into the greatest social readjustment program ever conceived—a program that to this day, thanks to Legion efforts, is still creating prosperity for all Americans.

Why strength? Why 3 million? Think back to the early 1950s when Navy veterans and shipyard workers were contracting rare forms of cancer. They suspected that the cause had its roots in their continual exposure to deadly asbestos dust. Our government wasn't prepared to accept such far-reaching liability, so veterans suffered alone, frightened and angry. The Legion's millions were angry too. We mobilized our anger and pioneered governmental accountability in the landmark Frazier case. An entire generation of veterans suffering from asbestosis received care and compensation because The American Legion had the strength to intervene and prevail.

The examples are endless. Today, more than ever, the strength of our united membership adds urgency to our demands and commands respect when we deal in the legislative and national security arenas.

I hear a lot of talk these days about how threatening the situation is in Central America. Many of our fellow citizens are surprised that the communist dictatorship in Nicaragua has not complied with either the spirit or the letter of the Arias Peace Plan. Many are angry that Congress chose to deploy a catchy slogan—"Let's give peace a chance"—rather than take the decisive action necessary to really promote peace and democracy in Central America. Many are surprised that our national security is now in jeopardy because a Soviet proxy exists 1,500 miles from our border. They're surprised the tensions are mounting in that

troubled region as democratic governments weaken.

They may be surprised, but The American Legion isn't. Deploying our own strength, we studied and visited Central America. We met with the White House, the State Department, and key members of Congress. We carefully assessed the situation and proposed a Central America peace plan



Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke

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that made sense. They're listening to us now, and we hope it's not too late.

Whether farmer or nurse, executive or clerk, artist or truck driver, every Legionnaire graduated from a hard, tough school where DIs were our professors, war was our curriculum, and an honorable discharge was our diploma. The lessons we learned about the importance of a strong national defense are too soon forgotten by those who never felt the terror of the frontlines.

It's only because of the Legion's

collective strength that our voices are heard when we speak on the vital issue of national defense, whether talking about SDI, a two-ocean Navy, a revitalized Coast Guard or one of the myriad current defense concerns. When we see our country taking the foolish path of unpreparedness, our collective anger will overcome the counsel of those who would have us believe that the desire for peace is somehow on a higher moral plane than the duty to be strong.

A strong, growing membership—a roster of veterans 3 million strong—is also the key to our continued success in ensuring that neither veterans nor their families will ever go without the compassionate, competent care they need and have earned.

I recently heard a Vietnam veteran, who suffered from terminal cancer because of exposure to Agent Orange, say: "I died in Vietnam, and I didn't know it." I was angry. My heart went out to him and his family. Shortly thereafter he did die. His death was a tragedy, but our government's unwillingness or inability to come to terms with his problem—and the plight of thousands like him—is more than tragic. It's a national disgrace.

We in The American Legion are doing something about that, too. Five years ago we decided that enough was enough. We were mad as hell and we weren't going to tolerate governmental indifference anymore. We, in cooperation with Columbia University, launched our own study of Agent Orange, PTSD and VA responsiveness to the needs of those it is supposed to serve.

Just recently I reported our findings to Congress, and today we are demanding action. We have taken the first steps in providing clear scientific direction to deal with these problems and establish liability. We have blazed a trail where not even the VA or the Centers for Disease Control dared to tread. We've marked that trail and left a path for them to follow. The strength of our membership will ensure that they do.

Even as Congress studies our report, we have applied for a grant from the Agent Orange Class Assistance Program to enhance our nationwide network of service officers. Our aim is to reach every Vietnam veteran affected by Agent Orange, or other problems, and make sure he will be on record to

receive the treatment and compensation deserved.

Such suffering, however, and the anger it often causes, knows no generational boundaries. The cost of caring for those who have borne the battle is part of the price that we, as a nation, must be willing to pay for the defense of our country.

Just as our strength was important when we were on active duty, and just as our American Legion's strength was essential to effect the passage of landmark legislation in the past, it is probably more important that we are strong today as we fight to reverse the erosion that is tearing at the very heart of the VA medical system. This commitment is nothing more than recognizing the delayed cost of war. Can we afford to be a nation that signs the peace treaty and then forgets those who won the peace?

I get angry, as I'm sure you do, when I hear of a reduction in VA hospital beds, VA medical staff shortages, and veterans being turned away because of VA budget shortfalls, poor planning, or both. At this very moment, some of the oldest, sickest and poorest of our comrades are being denied medical treatment because of a \$1 billion deficit in the VA's medical-care budget.

Alone, these veterans can do nothing about their plight; but we, united 3 million strong, certainly can. And we will. The entire infrastructure of the VA is crumbling even as the new Department of Veterans Affairs is being created. The VA medical system is the catastrophic health insurance policy promised to our veterans when they answered our nation's call to arms.

Sure, it wasn't a written contract, but it certainly was a moral contract. Now government budget gurus are trying to figure ways to merge your VA health-care system with social health programs. If they were to succeed, veterans would be denied the specialized system that was created to tend to their special needs.

Maybe these gurus have forgotten, or never learned, that the VA system is also the Federal Emergency Management Agency's back up in the event of a national disaster like that we witnessed in Armenia. Maybe they don't know that there are not enough military hospitals to treat our wounded in the event of war. Maybe they've forgotten that the VA medical system is a vital training ground for a large percentage of our nation's doctors and nurses.

Maybe they've forgotten—but The

American Legion sure hasn't. Our membership has given us the strength to ward off this dismantling ploy thus far. Ever-growing numbers are needed, however, if we are to finally prevail.

It makes me angry that 26 percent of those standing in unemployment lines are able-bodied veterans who want to work, but can't find a job. I find it unbelievable that Congress assesses the situation and then approves the Veterans Job Training Act without appropriating the funds necessary to put it into operation. Great legislation, but no bucks.

Those who defended our country

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WHY WE DO IT.'**

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shouldn't have to go begging for training and jobs. It's no wonder we're upset. But working together, 3 million strong, we will correct this travesty.

We hear a lot of talk these days about the government correcting the problems in our educational system, about the government's concern about the rearing and development of our young people. Some seem to think this is a new idea, but The American Legion sure doesn't. Where was our government when we recognized the need more than 50 years ago? Where was the government when The American Legion, using our combined strength, united to do something about it?

I submit that there is no finer program of civic instruction anywhere than our own Boys State and Boys Nation programs. What organizations other than The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary have the combined strength to spend more than \$35 million of volunteers' money last year to promote worthwhile programs for the wholesome development

of our children and youths? We sponsored more than 60,000 Boy Scouts, sent 30,000 young men to Boys State, awarded more than \$2 million in scholarships, and donated countless thousands of volunteer hours in this pursuit in 1988 alone.

We know what the people of this nation can do working together, and we do it—not just talk about it.

When people ask me, "Why 3 million Sparky?" that's what I tell them. No, membership is not the ultimate aim of The American Legion; service is. But membership is a very important tool. It fuels the enthusiasm to initiate innovative programs. It provides the power to carry out far-reaching mandates. It furnishes the inspiration to achieve results of lasting benefit to our communities, states and nation. And it provides the funds to make the realization of worthy aims possible for the benefit of all Americans.

No other single factor can take its place as a symbol of the unity of veterans, the rightness of our causes, and the strength of our collective influence. It is the first thing we are judged by in the eyes of the non-veteran public, Congress, and those veterans who are not members, but would be if someone asked them.

You probably know several of them yourself, and that's the objective of my message to you. We in The American Legion understand the heartbeat of America. We know what is the right thing to do, and we do it. But the only way we'll be able to continue with the effectiveness born of strength is if we recruit into our ranks the millions of veterans who believe as we do.

That accomplished, there is no limit to our horizons, and no end to the good work that will carry on into the next generations.

You made The American Legion what it is today. Now I'm asking you to help make it what it will be tomorrow by signing up just one new member between now and June 1 as we prepare to march into Baltimore on September 1. Perhaps you'd rather give a friend or relative the gift of a Legion membership. That's okay too, and there is an application and instructions on the adjacent page.

I'm merely asking you to tell a veteran what we do. Tell a veteran why we do it. Tell him or her how it's made possible.

That's all it takes. We don't have to market these values. We live them. □

I NEED YOUR HELP!

All of us care about our fellow veterans, about our national security and the future of this country. That's why we joined The American Legion.

But, just caring isn't enough anymore. The American Legion needs your help.

Here is what you can do!

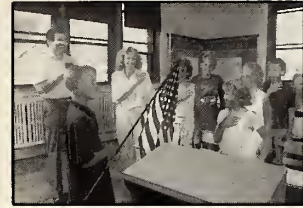
Tell a veteran that he or she can make a difference by becoming a member of The American Legion. Then ask that person to join us.

Maybe he or she is a friend... a neighbor... a relative... or someone at work. There are millions who will say yes if we ask, because they understand how powerless one lonely voice can be.

As your National Commander I have set a goal of three million members this year. Because I know that there is no limit to what we can do...if we do it together.

If you will sign up just one new member, I will send you our crossed American and American Legion flags lapel pin. Wear it with pride...because it proves you care a little more than most.

It means you care enough about your fellow veterans, about terrorist threats to our national security, and the quality of life in America to do something. NOW!



To help a new member join, complete the application below and mail it with \$17 new member dues to National Headquarters, or contact your local post.

I WILL HELP!

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A Bit Too Much?

I get heartburn from some of your VA hospital articles. Two recently were "Serving 22 Million People a Year" and "VA Hospitals 'To Care For Him Who Shall Have Borne The Battle.' "

One of the articles stated that nine veterans get good care for each one who doesn't. Don't you think bad care for 2.2 million veterans per year is a bit too high?

You say "the VA medical-care system has stood as testimony of the nation's appreciation of the sacrifices of its warriors." That's probably not too far off the mark as the nation seems to have little appreciation for veterans since the Korean War and much less since Vietnam. The government, over many years, has developed a strange attitude: If it's a deadbeat, help it; but, if it's a veteran, gore its ox. I understand Gen. MacArthur was deeply moved by a dying pilot in the Korean War who asked him: "Whose side is Washington on?" If Mac were living today, he could properly ask the same question and include a surprisingly large portion of the civilian population.

*Leo O. Cunningham
Treyvor, Iowa*

more elated if he were witnessing the signing of legislation that would have returned many of the benefits veterans have lost in the past eight years. By that I am referring to lost benefits, availability of veterans' hospitals, and let's not forget the paltry \$250 burial fee that so many veterans' survivors had received in the past, but is not available to the present survivors.

*Ralph R. Brown
Cedar Falls, Iowa*

CHAMPUS

Retired military people are automatically placed on Medicare at age 65. This is not in keeping with the enticements that are used in recruitment. When placed on Medicare, military retirees will be forced to participate in the Medicare program, which will require Medicare premiums, as well as the deductibles that are required. In addition to this added expense, the supplemental premiums in the form of a surtax will be placed upon them, which add a sizeable amount to their medical expenses.

We strongly resent the enforcement of a transfer to Medicare from CHAMPUS. It demands unfair deductions from retirement checks, and is getting increasingly more expensive.

*James C. Phelps
New Orleans*

Bitter Memories

Thank you from my heart for your article, "The Human Costs Of Vietnam" (December). After reading your article I now understand why my son's letters are so bitter... he was a medic with the Green Berets. He has his master's degree in psychology and was always a wonderful son. He lost his only son and his wife. I haven't seen him since Mother's Day 1980, but I do hear from him every now and then... he is in and out of the VA hospital in Palo Alto, Calif.

*Marion E. Wright
Kennesaw, Ga.*

Child Porno Law

Because so many editorials and articles in THE AMERICAN LEGION MAGAZINE have expressed concern for the nation's children, I am compelled to inform you about legislation adopted last November.

The Child Protection and Obscenity Enforcement Act of 1988 establishes safeguards to protect our innocent children by strengthening our federal obscenity and child pornography laws. Some of the features of the new law makes Dial-a-Porn a felony; criminalizes the use of children for purposes of producing pornography; includes forfeiture of real and personal property for those convicted; and expands the law to interstate traffic of obscene material.

When he signed the bill, President Reagan said: "We are one step closer to

Lost Benefits

In the December issue I read where Nat'l Cmdr. H. F. "Sparky" Gierke had witnessed the signing of historic legislation that created another Cabinet office.

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LETTERS

an America free of the degrading and dehumanizing effect of obscene material and child pornography."

*Thomas A. Walsh
Roslindale, Mass.*

Joy Of Red Tape

I sincerely enjoyed John Rickey's series, "The Free Enterprise Patriot." This piece does much to point out the bureaucracy and red tape that discourages so many good companies from wanting to assist the U.S. military. The series makes it plain why only the very rich and influential industries continue to bid for defense contracts.

I believe that a copy of this series should be required reading for every congressman.

*Dana C. Jackson
Virginia Beach, Va.*

Booze Blues

I commend you for devoting six and one-half pages in the January issue to the serious problem of alcohol abuse. Your honest assessment shows the serious problem of alcohol indulgence in America and also demonstrates the misconceived belief even among some university academics that alcoholism is social misconduct. The social misconduct of a drug user could lead toward continual drug abuse and a disease that can ultimately debilitate health. Veterans seeking or needing health care should be entitled to their VA benefits. We all are in agreement that alcoholism is a health problem.

*Liam Davis
Rohnert Park, Calif.*

Social Security

The article in your November issue that asked: "Should Congress Take The Cap Off Social Security Retirement Income?" prompts this response to the congressman who said no:

Your comparison of Social Security to an automobile insurance accident policy insults all veterans. My wife served honorably as a WAVE in Naval Intelligence. Her brother was lost at sea while serving in the Navy. My mother had four sons serve simultaneously in the military during war. My first cousin

died in combat in Italy. I have a brother buried in the National Cemetery in Georgia.

I volunteered for military service, traveled torpedo junction aboard naval vessels in the Atlantic, landed under fire on the islands of the Pacific, made two landings on Okinawa with the Marines, and I am now a member of the Association of Survivors of the First Marine Parachute Regiment and still proud. I never met an insurance company carrying a rifle and I have never seen fields of white crosses signifying the total sacrifice of any corporation.

Again, your analogy is degrading. Patriotism never has been involved in an insurance contract. The relationship of veterans to their government involves different promises and different premiums. When I volunteered for service, I was not aware that I was a notch baby and neither was I aware that you were a crybaby worrying about doing too much for people that you can never do enough for. Your so-called professionals in the Social Security field, referring to golf-cart money, must be the same unelected and overpaid bureaucrats who have decided to abolish the appeal procedure for Social Security. Opposite your article is an advertisement for medicare-approved and veterans-authorized electric carts. The illustration doesn't seem to be a golf cart. You should also read on page 10 the quote of Supreme Court Justice Rehnquist. Since Congress has managed to vote against a pay raise and get a "yes" result, I hope that your "no" vote concerning Social Security will result in a positive appreciation for the dwindling number of survivors.

*Rodney A. Culbertson
Greenville, S.C.*

Fouled Up Tide

I read with interest the article "Battle Report: Tarawa" (December). What made this Marine victory a greater feat than it was is that someone in charge of timing of the tide fouled up. It was darn near suicide when those brave Marines had to wade in from where their Higgins boats grounded. An inquiry was initiated concerning the miscalculation, but was never pursued.

*Joseph Amadio
Jeannette, Pa.*

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Born In America

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The latest figures show about 2.3 million more people in the country than last year, and similar growth is expected by Jan. 1, 1990.

The record population expansion occurred during the "baby boom" years, 1947-1961, increasing at an annual rate of 1.7 percent. The expansion rate between 1984-88 was considerably less with an average annual rate of 1 percent.

The Road To Jail

Broken homes and drugs are the two major factors why juveniles land in jail. That's part of the findings of a 1987 Justice Department study of youngsters held in long-term state youth correctional institutions.

Seventy-five percent of incarcerated youths came from one-parent families, and more than half disclosed that a family member had been imprisoned at least once. Also, 60 percent revealed they had taken drugs regularly, including heroin and cocaine. Half of these juveniles began the habit by the age of 12.

Many of the confined youths had long criminal backgrounds. About 20 percent said they had been arrested at least 10 times before; 40 percent had been jailed more than five times.

The survey also indicated that 40 percent had used a weapon while committing offenses. Many of the juvenile offenders had criminal histories as long as those of adults in state prisons.

National Service Proposed

An innovative college-aid program linked to national military or special civilian service has been proposed to Congress. The plan would require young Americans to serve either two years in the military or one year in civilian projects to earn funds for college.

Sponsors of the plan, Sen. Sam Nunn of Georgia, chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee; and Rep. Dave McCurdy of Oklahoma, a member of the House Armed Services Committee, said their legislation would require no new funding. Money from the current student loan program would be used.

Those youths who failed to participate would be ineligible for federal aid for higher education.

Soviets Favor Torpedoes

The Soviets have been concentrating on developing a new breed of torpedo, and have already come up with one that can knock an 80,000-ton aircraft carrier out of action, a U.S. Navy study reveals.

The study reported that the Soviet navy is replacing cruise missiles on its submarines with more powerful torpedoes,

and is designing a new class of fast and silent attack submarines. The Soviet torpedo arsenal is "imposing" in all aspects, the study said.

The newer subs, according to the study, will likely encourage the Soviet submarine commanders to be more aggressive and permit torpedo attacks to play an expanded role in war. The report recommended that the United States should develop a defense system that will destroy incoming torpedoes.

Defense Industry Takeovers

Defense-minded legislators are taking a jaundiced view of the wave of Wall Street takeovers of major American corporations. They are worried that some military industries are being grabbed up not only by corporate raiders, but also by overseas companies. Such mergers, in effect, give foreign industries control over basic and technological supplies required by the Department of Defense.

Concerned legislators forced an amendment to the 1985 Omnibus Trade Act, authorizing the White House to block takeovers found to be of potential harm to our national security. Investigation into the takeovers already has begun. Some lawmakers want Congress to take even tougher action.

Dangerous Water-Scooters

In the interests of safety, federal and state governments have compiled a long list of regulations that control nearly everything that moves on air, land or sea. Next target may well be the water-scooter, a speedy, recreational vehicle increasingly involved in mishaps since its introduction about 15 years ago.

Most of the accidents reported to the Coast Guard involve collisions between the eight-foot-long motorized craft, capable of 40 miles per hour, and other boats. Officials say riders are getting hurt or killed because of insufficient seamanship training.

It is estimated that a half million water-scooters are zooming around the oceans, bays and lakes, mostly unregulated by safety requirements.

Demand for restrictions on the vehicles also comes from groups opposed to noise pollution.

Quote Of The Month

"Today, or course, we are not strong enough to attack... To win we shall need the element of surprise. The bourgeoisie will have to be put to sleep. So we shall begin by launching the most spectacular peace movement on record. There will be electrifying overtures and unheard of concessions. The capitalist countries, stupid and decadent, will rejoice to cooperate in their own destruction. They will jump at another chance to be friends. As soon as their guard is down, we shall smash them with our clenched fist."

Dimitry Z. Manuilsky
In a lecture at the Lenin School
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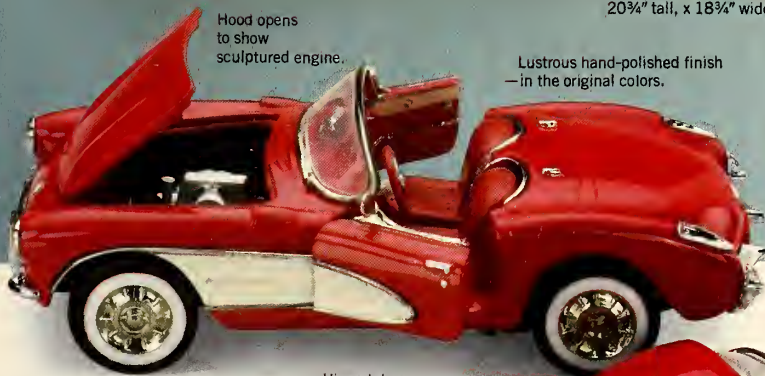
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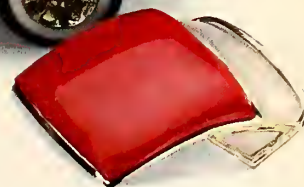
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SHOULD CONGRESS PASS THE UNIFORM PRODUCT SAFETY ACT?

Rep. Bill Richardson, D-New Mexico

Many months of intense effort were spent in the 100th Congress to explore the causes of, and solutions to, the product-liability problem. It became clear early in our hearings that this country is faced with a "crazy quilt" pattern of conflicting product-liability laws.

YES



These conflicting laws among states create "mixed signals" for product safety and result in unnecessary and substantial legal costs that affect interstate and foreign commerce. That uncertainty hurts those who self-insure and those who insure commercially.

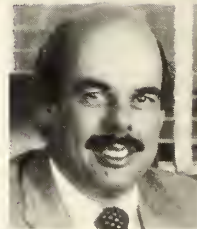
The current product-liability system is harmful to the consumer. Costs of products are needlessly pushed up by what amounts to a "product-liability tax." This tax revenue, however, ends up more in the legal system than it does in the hands of needy victims. Consumers also are hurt because of the conflicting messages sent by our current product-liability laws. If any of us were manufacturing a product today, we would find it impossible to conform to rules that conflict and are ever changing.

Our hearings helped us discern what key issues needed to be addressed. We learned that state statutory approaches to this topic work fitfully at best. If my state, New Mexico, enacted a product-liability law, it would provide some stability for goods that are ultimately sold in New Mexico. However, a high percentage of products are shipped out of the state, a practice common to all states. State solutions often create the worst of all possible worlds: they reduce the rights of people to sue in the state without producing any benefits to or for the businesses that operate in those states.

During the hearings it became obvious to us all that we needed a federal uniform product-liability law soon. But the difficult issue we faced was how to fashion it into law.

We worked toward the development of that law in the spirit of compromise. We consulted with consumer groups, the AFL/CIO, law professors, business groups and attorneys and came up with a proposal that would reduce legal costs, give clear signals about product safety and create additional and needed standardization in our system. Although the bill failed passage in the 100th Congress, I am optimistic that a uniform product safety bill will move rapidly through the committees early in 1989 and will become law this year. ☐

Rep. Henry Waxman, D-California



NO

The Uniform Product Safety Act proposed to assert federal control over the law of product liability, a legal area that traditionally has been under state jurisdiction.

Many of the legal terms in the bill are defined or used differently from closely related terms in state statutes and court cases. But the legislation provides no clear guidance as to how those terms should be interpreted.

Undoubtedly, there would be varying interpretations in thousands of lawsuits across the country, resulting in great confusion in the law. Which long-established state interpretations would ultimately be sustained by this statute, and which overturned? No one can say with any confidence.

The Uniform Product Safety Act creates a federal product-liability system that would greatly restrict victims from seeking compensation from product manufacturers and sellers. In so doing, it fails to strike an appropriate balance between the interests of manufacturers and those of consumers. Moreover, I believe the bill would inject more confusion into the current legal system.

In addition to its anti-consumer bias, the legislation fails to accomplish the business community's two most important stated objectives in pressing for federal product-liability legislation: uniformity and reasonable insurance rates.

The goal of uniformity simply has been abandoned. Because all efforts to standardize defenses were defeated, product-liability law under this legislation would continue to vary widely from state to state. Also, the special protections from liability afforded to large manufacturers would be denied to small manufacturers. This could place small businesses at risk in many product-liability suits, while permitting large corporations to escape responsibility.

The provision on insurance data collection is designed to assess the causes of the liability insurance crisis and determine whether these modifications of tort law will have any effect on its availability or cost. While the legislation recognizes the importance of this data collection on the federal level, it fails to allow the Department of Commerce to gather

information from insurance companies, thus making an accurate assessment of this problem impossible. For these reasons, I am unable to support this legislation. ☐

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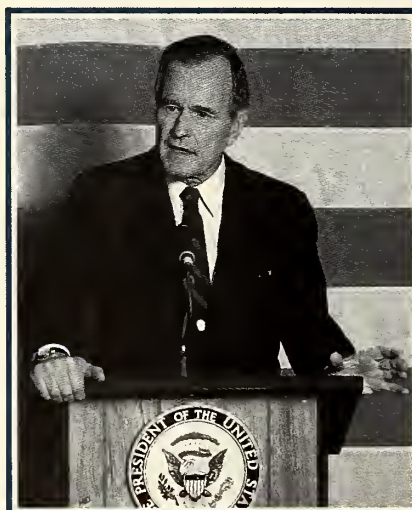
ABOUT NATIONAL WILL

By Mortimer B. Zuckerman

U IS AMERICA in decline? For most of this century, we have thought of ourselves as the No. 1 military state and the No. 1 merchant state. Now there's a feeling that our economy is under siege and that our military will have to sound the retreat from our role as the world's leading power. Paul Kennedy's best-selling book, *"The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers,"* has caught the popular imagination with its suggestion of an American "imperial overstretch."

It's easy to see why. We emerged from World War II with a monopoly on atomic weapons; we lost that. We felt invulnerable behind the Atlantic and Pacific oceans; now the speed and reach of Soviet missiles have put us in jeopardy of these doomsday weapons. We won the challenge of Cuban missiles, but we lost at the Bay of Pigs, in Vietnam, in Cambodia, in Iran's seizure of hostages, in the Beirut massacre of 241 Marines. And we have failed to sustain the Monroe Doctrine of excluding outside powers from the Western Hemisphere. On top of that, there is a perception of vast outlays for weapons that don't work.

Our perceived decline as a merchant state is at least as great. Nine out of 10 Americans fear that the United States is losing its competitive edge. They see our banks as hostage to loan defaults in the Third World, our energy supplies as vulnerable to the Arabs, our manufacturing as falling behind that of the nations of Asia. For example, industrial robots—invented and originally manufactured in this country—are now associated principally with Japan, which has five times as many as the United States has. On top of this, we have had



BUSH PUSH—Will the new administration push for the hard choices that are needed to get the nation out of hock?

a recent financial crisis on Wall Street and a chronic imbalance in national and international payments.

Economically threatened, strategically burdened, in hock to our eyebrows—are we in any fit shape to lead and inspire the West?

THE answer is yes. Yes—if the people have the right leadership. We have not reached this point because we have dissipated our energies, exhausted our creative genius or fallen prey to the manipulations of others. Our malaise stems from the consequences of the disastrously irresponsible fiscal policies of the previous administration, aided and abetted by Congress—policies that violate a basic American moral principle: that we should *earn* a better future for our children, not burden them with debts.

Contrary to this foolhardiness, U.S. industry has responded to a decade of global challenge with a decade of restructuring. As we move from material-based to knowledge-based production, we are being rejuvenated by the

pragmatic and entrepreneurial American spirit, our affinity for high technology and the mobility of labor. The United States remains a magnet for talent—for immigrants who want to settle here, for students who want to learn here—and for capital seeking the highest return in the most secure environment. U.S. research-and-development expenditures exceed the combined totals of Britain, France, Japan and West Germany. New products—especially in such complicated fields as fiber optics, communications and medical technology—continue to be areas of American leadership.

This country is rich enough to do everything that is necessary—if Americans want it. There is no need for retreat from our world commitments. The percentage of our gross national product devoted to national security—approximately 6.7—is less than it was during the Eisenhower era. And, in truth, retreat is impossible if we are to maintain our freedom.

The United States is the only country qualified for the role. Germany and Japan may have the economic power but not the military power—and for reasons of history, they will not be allowed the military power.

The problem lies not with our capacity; it lies with our national will and leadership and the ease with which public opinion can be turned into mush. The evening news and partisan advertising reduce public debate to 30-second and 60-second sound bites. Politicians and television have learned the game well, but it ill serves the public.

Everyone knows the budget deficit is the core of the problem. New leaders must demonstrate that they understand the larger processes at work in the world today. They must not be allowed to substitute rhetoric for action and good feelings for hard choices.

They must tell us how they would do justice to the spirit of the American people. □

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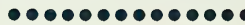
To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America—Legionnaires at the post, district and department levels are engaged in numerous programs that promote respect for, and awareness of, the U.S. Constitution. One of these programs is The American Legion National High School Oratorical Contest. Each year, thousands of students demonstrate their understanding and knowledge of the Constitution through public speaking competitions. As veterans, Legionnaires defended their Constitution during times of war; as citizens they uphold it during times of peace.

To maintain law and order—Most posts establish ties with law enforcement agencies and sponsor programs in support of law and order. Many posts and departments sponsor crime prevention and law-cadet programs that teach youngsters to respect the law and make them aware of the need for responsible behavior in our society.

To foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism—Legionnaires' hearts and minds are fully dedicated to America and the traditional values that have made it great. Legionnaires conduct numerous programs that promote understanding of the principles of democratic government, emphasize religion, encourage education, instill the responsibilities of citizenship and combat subversion.



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Each year, American youths at Boy's State and Boy's Nation learn how government works and are tutored in the responsibilities of citizenship. Legionnaires are recognized as leaders in their communities in promoting respect for the flag and displaying the flag on patriotic holidays.

To preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the great wars—Service to the nation in time of war is the common bond of all Legionnaires. Legionnaires share their wartime experiences with one another and preserve the memories of their fallen comrades by erecting monuments and observing days of remembrance such as Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation—As members of a veterans' service organization, Legionnaires volunteer their time, money and energy for the good of the nation and their communities. Last year alone, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members donated more than \$35 million to programs for children and youth; contributed more than \$2 million for college scholarships;

donated more than 340,000 pints of blood; and volunteered an estimated 1 million hours of services at veterans' hospitals and other agencies.

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses—As witnesses to the horrors of war, Legionnaires know all too well the devastating results of the twisted dreams of despots and tyrannical thugs. Legionnaires combated the autocracy of the classes by answering the nation's call in World War I and II, Korea and Vietnam, and oppose autocracy by the masses anywhere mob rule prevails.

To make right the master of might—All four wars in which Legionnaires fought were started by those who wanted their might to supplant what was right. If human freedom is not to perish from the Earth, right must always be master of might. Legionnaires are pledged to stand with the right, protect the weak and preserve the liberties of the individual.

To promote peace and good will on Earth—From experience, Legionnaires know that mutual understanding and diplomacy are far better alternatives than war. Legionnaires at the local and national levels monitor the nation's defense posture and encourage legislation that ensures the nation has sufficient military strength to deter war.

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy—Legionnaires further this goal by supporting the Legion's Americanism programs that are designed to preserve these principles for future generations of Americans.

To consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness—This, perhaps, is the sum total of the Legion. Working together, Legionnaires help less-fortunate veterans and their families. More important, Legionnaires acknowledge that service and duty to the nation takes precedence over service to The American Legion. Selflessness, not selfishness, is the fuel that has driven Legionnaires for 70 years, and will continue to do so. □

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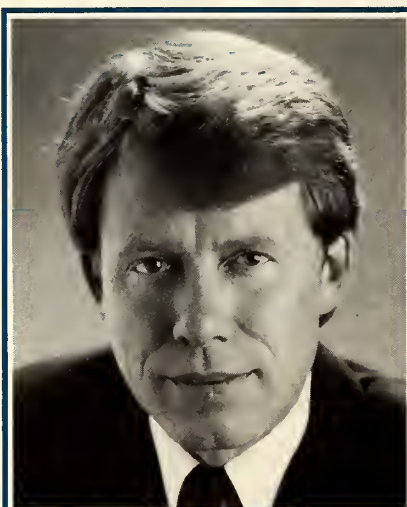
IS AMERICA FOR SALE?

Foreign ownership in America may be getting out of hand. Led by Japan, total foreign investment in the United States is nearing \$1 trillion, and more than 3 million American workers now answer to foreign bosses.

By Steve Salerno

THE Pillsbury Doughboy is now kneaded by the British. Armco, America's fifth largest steel company, is half-owned by Kawasaki. Firestone Tire & Rubber has become the property of Japanese-owned Bridgestone, a longtime foe. Three quarters of the skyline in downtown Los Angeles looks west to Asian ownership. Office space surrounding our seat of government in Washington is 25 percent foreign-occupied. Tokyo's Aoki Corporation has established a partnership with Tishman, one of New York's top construction firms. Citibank, the largest U.S. bank, sold about half its Manhattan headquarters complex to Japanese investors in 1987. Lee Iacocca, whose admonishments to "buy American!" anchored Chrysler's climb back to health, has now announced

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Even "The Encyclopedia Americana" is published, these days, by the French. America is up for grabs, with no apparent end in sight. If the above examples are unsettling, consider the overall trends.

Foreigners already control 12 percent of all manufacturing jobs in the United States. More than 3 million American workers answer to foreign bosses — almost 1 million to the Japanese alone. The British are gobbling up real estate and publishing houses faster than you can say, "Let's make a deal," while the growing Dutch presence in the oil industry threatens to crowd out homegrown competitors. Comics poke fun at our neighbors to the north and south, but those neighbors may yet have the last laugh; wealthy Mexicans and Canadians hold the mortgages on perhaps \$150 billion worth of American assets. By 1995, Japanese interests will own as much as a tenth of all U.S. assets. Total foreign investment in the United States is careening toward \$1 trillion.

"The past 10 years is a story of systematic destruction," said Bill Davidson, University of Southern California business professor and a noted

authority on Japan, which poses the biggest threat. "As it stands now, our defeat is pre-ordained."

In trying to explain the phenomenon, media analysts tend to blame the U.S. trade imbalance. Davidson, however, is among the experts who believe that the real problem is one of cultural priorities. Japan's war chest full of cash has been amassed largely through the deep-seated savings ethic of its people. A Japanese worker salts away 17 percent of every paycheck — about triple what is saved by the average American.

Equally significant is what we do with all that money we fail to bank. "We spend, they invest," explained Rep. Stephen Solarz of New York, a leading analyst of American trade policy. "Assume that tomorrow morning, you buy \$1,000 worth of Japanese products, while a Japanese businessman buys \$1,000 worth of American real estate. Five years from now, the \$1,000 worth of products will be all but worthless, and will need to be replaced with more of their products — which by this time probably cost \$1,500. This gives the Japanese investor more money to buy more real estate."

Solarz noted that the story doesn't end there. During the five-year interim, that original \$1,000 parcel of real estate would surely have appreciated in value. Thus the Japanese buyer gains "still more equity to draw on to buy still more property. It's a self-perpetuating process."

The wisdom and frugality of Japanese financial habits are actually built into that nation's economic policy. "Their master plan is to win in world commerce," Davidson said. "The Japanese system is structured to guarantee success in world markets. All resources are channeled into manufac-

turing and trade-related industries. Their system discourages spending on consumables and provides select people with a tremendous amount of investment capital at incredibly attractive rates."

Since the Japanese investor needs to budget a much smaller amount to service his debt, he can afford to invest far more capital than his American counterpart. (Imagine how much more house you could afford if you could find mortgage money at 2 or 3 percent.)

THERE are no comparable long-term goals in the American system. "Such constraints are incompatible with our notion of the free market," Davidson said. In other words, "We don't like to tell people what they should do with their money."

If anything, Davidson argued, "Our system, through its tax structure, encourages consumption at the expense of savings." Small wonder that so many economists feel we are destined to remain a debtor nation with little equity in our own country.

Case in point: In Hawaii, Japanese speculation has so inflated the price of housing that Hawaiian residents are, in effect, denied an opportunity to own property in their own homeland. Among other things, the Japanese want the land to build 30 sumptuous golf courses and resorts. State officials fear that their constituents may soon become a servant class to an emerging Japanese aristocracy.

Similarly, in parts of San Diego and San Francisco, entire developments are becoming rental tracts as Asian interests buy up blocks of new homes for investment purposes.

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DEBUNKING THE MYTH OF DECLINE

America today staggers under a gigantic national debt and a crippling trade deficit. Though our economic and military dominance are not what they used to be, we sometimes forget just how strong our nation really is.

By James R. Schlesinger

IN THE last year, the question, "Is America in decline?" has become something of a fad. In part, this notion has been stimulated by Paul Kennedy's book, *"The Rise and Fall of the Great Powers."* But the interest is driven by more than one scholarly work. It is driven by a concern about the vast federal deficits of recent years and, consequently, the immense growth of the national debt. It reflects apprehensions regarding the deficit in the balance in trade, the necessity to borrow staggering sums abroad and the dramatic shift of the United States from a great creditor nation to the world's largest debtor.

The decline argument is also driven by a belief that our competitiveness has declined, that we are lagging behind

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other nations in innovation and the growth of productivity. And it is driven by the widely advertised loss of jobs, the decline in the manufacturing base and the tenaciousness of the trade deficit in the face of a sharp decline in the dollar exchange rate.

All of this is contrasted to the good old, postwar days of American dominance. For example, we emerged from World War II with 50 percent of the world's gross product. Today, the United States has slipped to roughly 25 percent of world output. Moreover, in those earlier days we possessed a monopoly on nuclear weapons and, for a long time thereafter, a substantial preponderance in strategic forces. In recent years, by contrast, former President Reagan regularly stated his belief that in every significant category of military power, the United States is inferior to its principal foe.

For a nation still on top of the world, it is a pretty gloomy assessment. Even given the well-known American proclivity to exaggerate, I believe it is grossly out of proportion to the facts.

The first point to bear in mind is that America's dominant position after the war was an unnatural one. It reflected the substantial destruction of Germany and Japan, the devastation of Europe—including European Russia—chaos in China and the impoverishment of Brit-

ain. As production in these countries was restored and grew, our relative position inevitably declined. Not only was that position unsustainable, but we did all that we could to prevent its being sustained. We bent every effort to helping rebuild the economies of damaged allies, former enemies and, subsequently, nations of the underdeveloped world. We even tried to extend aid to the Soviet Union and its satellites, but were rebuffed in that quest by Stalin, likely to the regret of his successors in the Kremlin.

IT IS scarcely logical to feel nostalgic about an era that we sought so hard to bring to a close. Moreover, if others were to catch up with us in terms of output and living standard, it would be astonishing if we were able to maintain so sizable a technological lead. Yet as the mood of American society swings, we sometimes mourn those lost days of immense material advantage. It is then that we may grow giddy with talk of American decline.

To be sure, that relative decline, some of which was both desirable and unavoidable, has in the last quarter-century gone further than we might have liked, reflecting a kind of indifference on our part—a lack of diligence and a lack of discipline. Other countries



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DESPITE ITS

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have been more industrious than we have been; their growth rates in investment and innovation have been more impressive than our own. American goods have, to a large extent, lost the reputation for quality, and also, for a time, appeared over-priced in relation to those of other countries.

Perhaps we should have done better, but we have not done all that badly. For a nation with 5 percent of the world's population, 25 percent of the world's output does not seem miserably small.

Similar conclusions seem appropriate with respect to the military balance. It would have been impossible to sustain the military edge that the United States had acquired by the early 1960s. As the Soviet Union built up its strategic forces and acquired a counterdeterrent, the wholly secure position that existed when the United States could devastate any foe without significant fear of retaliation disappeared.

But the United States has immensely impressive military capabilities. In some categories, these may be inferior to the Soviets', in other categories they are significantly superior. The Soviets understand this quite well—no doubt better than we do. The North Vietnamese may have been prepared to test America's military capabilities, but their challenge was more political than

military—and the latter was more guerrilla than orthodox—and all at the margin of America's interests. The Russians will surely want to shun the Vietnamese example and avoid any testing of our military capabilities.

What we see is a picture of *relative* decline, which was unavoidable given our unnatural and unsustainable position at the close of World War II. This decline has been going on for a long time, though it is just recently that we have been obliged to notice it. This relative decline may, indeed, continue, but it will do so at a much reduced rate.

The United States is no longer economically a preponderant power. It is no longer militarily a dominant power.

It can no longer achieve more or less whatever it desires, as it could in the postwar years. Its wishes are no longer fiat around the world. Moreover, our decline may have been somewhat more rapid because of our follies—the demobilization of forces after World War II, the long Vietnam tragedy, the self-indulgence and lack of discipline in economic matters, particularly in recent years. Nevertheless, the United States is the leading world power and will remain so.

In categories other than military, its advantages relative to its chief foe, the Soviet Union, remain immense. Even with respect to military power, we may have been inclined to exaggerate Soviet strength—a reflection of the psychological climate of the late 1970s and early 1980s with the all-too-easy chatter about “the Soviet geopolitical momentum,” “the window of vulnerability” and “the shifting correlation of forces.”

The United States has the economic capacity to provide its citizens with a high, and increasing, standard of living. Its capacity for innovation remains far more impressive than current wisdom would have it. Its competitiveness is improving. If it does not use it injudiciously, the United States will have the military power to help sustain a reason-

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SPACE ODYSSEY

THE NEXT GENERATION

As America's space program regains momentum, NASA scientists prepare for the moon, Mars and beyond. They know the United States can ill afford the Soviets widening their lead in space.



FOR the past three years, James C. Fletcher has been helping America's space program bounce back from the painful memories of Challenger. A research scientist with several years' experience in the aerospace industry, he is in his second tour as the NASA administrator, having served previously from 1971 to 1977. He first came to NASA from the University of Utah, where he served as president for seven years. In this exclusive interview, Fletcher outlines the nation's future plans in space.

American Legion Magazine: In returning America to space, NASA has overcome some real problems since the Challenger tragedy three years ago. Where do we go from here?

James C. Fletcher: We have two planetary probes coming up—one to Venus next month and another to Jupiter in October. Then there's the Space Telescope, a long-awaited program that's set for December, and the Space Station program.

Q. NASA has plans for the Space Station, a moon base and an expedition to Mars. Which is the priority?

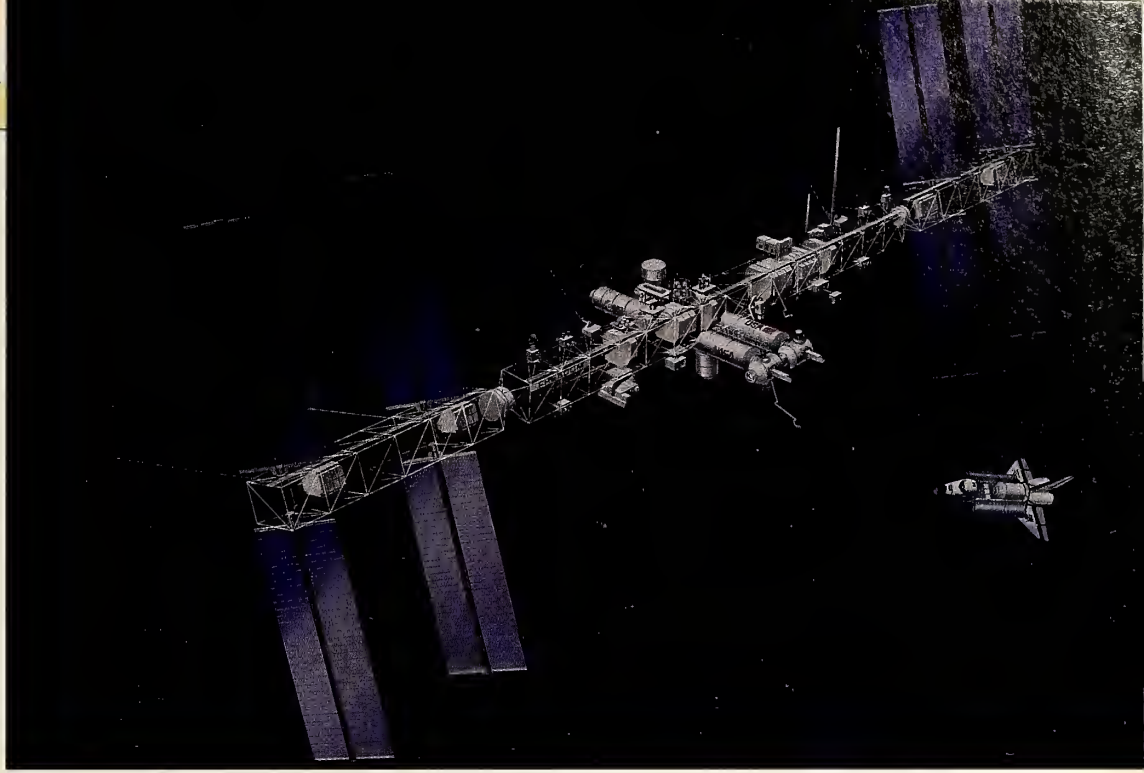
A. The Space Station is first. You can't really do much beyond the Earth orbit without having a permanent station in space. It doesn't have to be permanently manned, but it probably will be before we're through. Then it will be used as a habitat for people to learn to live in space, and this means science and it means production, material processing

SPACE HOME—Americans will learn to live in space aboard the McDonnell Douglas Space Station Freedom, to be launched in 1996.

and it also means just learning how to cope with zero gravity.

Q. How will the Space Station be placed in orbit?

A. It goes up in 15 to 20 pieces. The Space Shuttle has to put all these pieces in place, and I'd say it will take between 15 to 20 launches to put the whole thing together. This includes the habitation module where people live, the lab module where they do their research, and the Japanese module, which is partly an experimental laboratory and partly an observatory. Also, it includes the European module, which is mostly micro-gravity, then there are nodes, which are backed with experiments. We'll have a lot of animal experiments, and probably a centrifuge to give a feeling for what happens with artificial gravity. Then along the booms we'll have scientific payloads—some looking up, some looking down at the Earth.



Q. When does all this happen?

A. The first part of the station will be launched in early 1996, and it is scheduled to be assembled in 1997. It will take about two years under current plans.

Q. It has been 20 years since we put that first man on the moon. Please turn to page 62

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SPACE STATION FREEDOM

BOB Thompson doesn't pretend that he can list all the benefits the nation will receive from his company's high-flying space station. Thompson, vice president and general manager of McDonnell Douglas' space station program, has been in the business long enough to know that the rewards of futuristic projects such as this often don't reveal themselves until things are well under way.

"If somebody in one of the earliest aeronautical research labs told you back then we'd be flying across country or around the world in jets that were designed as a result of work that was done there, you'd have never believed it," he said.

Thompson, however, is quite naturally enthusiastic about the potential of Space Station Freedom. "It's a wonderful platform from which to see how to live in space," he said. "Interplanetary travel entails being in space for at least three years. The best way to prepare for that is to be in space for three years, but in space at a point

close enough to Earth to deal with situations that may come up."

He said that the fact that "you can physically separate liquids much more accurately and exotically" in space than in Earth's gravity bodes well for advances in medicine. He also said he thinks the celestial environment will be a boon for research in crystal communications and the development of revolutionary metals.

The station will accommodate up to eight people at the outset, but is expandable. A modular design permits enlargement of living quarters and lab facilities. The basic structure is that of an "open truss," which Thompson compared to "the long boom that is used to suspend freeway signs." On each end of the 600-foot boom are solar-power collectors; at the center are mobile-home-like dwellings.

"We very carefully selected the architecture," said Thompson, noting that the station has been in development for more than 25 years. "It's

designed as a foundation for the space program for the next 10 years."

The price tag is \$6.7 billion, of which Douglas' share is \$2.6 billion. The project will be international in scope, involving Japanese, Canadian and European interests, as well as top American contractors such as Boeing, GE and Rockwell.

Plans call for the station to be assembled, using pre-fab segments, during 15 to 20 missions of the revitalized space shuttle.

"We think there's no reason why the shuttle can't continue to be used," observed Thompson. "You don't give up because of one disaster."

The nucleus of the station will be operational after about six missions, the first of which is scheduled to take place in 1996, assuming that Congress keeps funding the project through the intervening years.

"We need to be committed to the idea over the long haul," he said, "or else we might as well make up our minds to get out of space."

THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF

PANAMA

• *Noriega or no Noriega, U.S. interests dictate that the United States should lift the economic sanctions on Panama before it is too late.*

By Ambler H. Moss Jr.

FOR well over a year, Panama has been plunged into a deep economic and political crisis and it is essential that the new administration act to protect our military base rights in the Panama Canal, which will pass to Panamanian control in 2000.

Ambler H. Moss Jr., U.S. ambassador to Panama from 1978 to 1982, is dean of the University of Miami's Graduate School of International Studies. A lawyer and former career foreign service officer, Moss is a life member of Post 1, Panama Canal.

There are two additional and critical issues at stake: How can we obtain Panama's genuine cooperation in combatting illegal drug trafficking aimed at the U.S. market?; what long-term policy can the United States adopt that will be most conducive to democratization and stability in Panama, upon which everything else depends?

The origins of Panama's crisis began a few years back. Following the ratification of the Panama Canal treaties in 1978, our relationship with Panama improved markedly. Good cooperation developed between the United States and Panamanian military forces. Gen. Omar Torrijos, the country's "strongman" since 1968, established a trend toward democratization, which included the return of political exiles and the restoration of freedom of expression and of political parties.

After Torrijos died in an air crash in 1981, his former military intelligence chief, Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega, assumed command of the Panama Defense Forces in 1983 and controlled the country's politics from behind the scenes.

Nicolas Ardito Barletta, hand-picked by Noriega to be the official-party candidate won the 1984 elections. The opposition charged fraud. Barletta, a professor from the University of Chicago and well regarded in the United States, was removed from office by Noriega and his close associates one year later. His successor, Eric Arturo

Delvalle, was regarded in Panama as a puppet of the PDF.

The Noriega government began to destabilize when, in June 1987, retired Col. Roberto Diaz Herrera alleged publicly that Noriega was involved in drug trafficking, election fraud, corruption and the assassination of a political opponent.

IN February 1988, relations with the United States turned sour after Noriega was indicted by federal district courts in Florida on charges of drug trafficking and racketeering. Later that month, Delvalle's attempt to dismiss Noriega on television backfired and Delvalle instead was ousted by the national legislature. He currently is in hiding in Panama under U.S. protection. Delvalle is still recognized by this country as president. A series of economic sanctions imposed against Panama by the administration, with congressional support, have had devastating effects on the Panamanian economy but have failed to dislodge Noriega.

In March 1988, a U.S. State Department certification recognizing Delvalle as president enabled his agents in Washington to block all funds in the United States of the National Bank of Panama. The move led to the collapse of Panama's profitable banking center of more than 120 banks, \$35 billion in deposits and 7,000 quality jobs, all gone and probably never to return.

Other sanctions included the with-





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holding of Panama's share of the canal tolls, about \$6 million per month. The move was arguably a breach of the Panama Canal Treaty and could set a bad precedent.

In April 1988, the administration invoked the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, which prohibited more than 400 American companies in Panama from making any payments to the government of Panama. The order made it almost impossible for the companies to function, as it literally covered any payments to public authority that a company must make to do business: social security payments, taxes, water, telephone, electricity bills and even postage stamps.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Panama protested that American companies were being used as an instrument of foreign policy. The chamber called the measure "ill-conceived and misdirected," and "U.S. companies are closing down because of the restrictions." It added that the overall effect would be to "hasten the demise of the private sector" in Panama.

**RENEWING
U.S. base
rights has
become more
important
since the
Sandinistas
have come
to power.**



In May, negotiators from the State Department met with Noriega's representatives and discussed possible conditions for the general's departure from power. The press reported, based on good inside sources, that Washington was prepared to drop the indictments.

The deal was never closed. It is not clear, however, that failure of the talks was due to a clear rejection by Noriega, as then Secretary of State George Shultz told the press. The reason might have been a reaction to the intense U.S. pressure to complete the talks before President Reagan's trip to Moscow.

Various press stories last August, based apparently on administration leaks, stated that Washington was planning some unspecified covert action. Otherwise, there were no new developments in the Panama crisis for the rest of the year.

A Panamanian consulting group headed by oppositionist economist Guillermo Chapman prepared a report last July that predicted a 27.2 percent decline in GNP for 1988. A report of the U.S. Congressional Research Service dated Aug. 27, 1988, *U.S. Sanc-*

UNEASY STREETS—For the most part, Noriega has not interfered with U.S. bases operating in Panama, although anti-Noriega demonstrations are fueled by U.S. support.

tions and the State of the Panamanian Economy, attributed much of the country's rapid economic deterioration to the sanctions. It also emphasized, however, that Panama's own internal political situation had started the decline by the second half of 1987.

Moreover, for several years there had been a steady loss of confidence by the private sector in Panama's economic growth, on which its future stability depends. The root of the problem was political—continued behind-the-scenes control by the military of the country's politics and the reversal of a previous trend toward democratization. Where did Noriega fit in?

Although most "old Panama hands" will agree that the country's problem was institutional, the focus of the Reagan administration in 1988 centered largely upon Noriega. Yet, for many years, Noriega was considered useful by various U.S. government agencies. Long before his assumption of command of the PDF, he had been the intelligence chief. His habit had always been to be as useful to as many "gringos" as he could—his client list included the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Central Intelligence

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NOT long ago, on a wet and windy Sunday, a bridge on the New York State Thruway near Amsterdam collapsed with a roar, plunging cars and a tractor-trailer into a rain-swollen creek. A week later, when weary rescue workers gave up their search, the grim toll of victims stood at 10 lives lost.

Less than 200 miles away, a 100-foot section of a Connecticut Turnpike span had cracked and fallen a few years earlier, hurling four hapless vehicles into the river. The toll that day was four dead, three critically hurt.

These disasters are shocking reminders that the country is facing a problem that not only can cost many more lives and injure numerous others, but also stifle economic growth and lower the quality of life of every American.

The harsh facts are that the nation's bridges, highways, mass transit, waste-disposal plants, water systems and other facilities crucial to progress and financial strength are in a deplorable and, in far too many cases, dangerous condition.

Once the envy of every country on Earth, the public works that make up our infrastructure have been allowed to reach an advanced stage of decay or overloading. As a result, bridges fall, roadbeds crumble, water mains burst, sewage systems fail, airports jam up, and harbors become overburdened and polluted.

The latest evidence that the country has sadly neglected its magnificent

CAUTION

These Structures May Be Hazardous To Your Health

By Lester David

facilities comes from the findings of a special committee appointed by Congress. After a two-year investigation, during which hearings were held across the country, the National Council on Public Works Improvement reported to the President and Congress that "The quality of America's infrastructure is barely adequate to fulfill current requirements, and insufficient to meet the demands of future economic growth and development.

Reliable transportation, clean water, and safe disposal of wastes are basic elements to civilized society and a productive economy. Their absence or failure introduces an intolerable risk of hardship to everyday life, and a major obstacle to growth and competitiveness."

The council is not the only voice deploring the crumbling systems and warning of the consequences unless swift action is taken.

- Gov. Bill Clinton of Arkansas said, "America is falling apart, literally. In many ways the problem is as serious as the budget and trade deficits."

- According to Sen. Patrick J. Moynihan of New York, "New mechanisms for financing the much-needed work must be done to rehabilitate and expand the nation's public works

improvements, the basic underpinnings of its well-being and economic growth."

Here is the cause of their concern and what the council uncovered during its investigation:

- *Disposal of hazardous waste.* In a report card on the state of public works, the council gave toxic waste disposal a "D," the lowest grade on its list. Declaring that only a fraction of the toxic waste produced annually is being treated safely, the committee warned, "A massive backlog of poisons needing cleanup projects faces the nation."

- *Sewers and solid-waste disposal.* The antiquated sewer system, much of it 50 to 100 years old, got a "C." In many cities, pipes overflow during heavy rains, flooding basements with sewage water. In Des Moines, for example, millions of gallons of raw sewage cascaded into the Des Moines River after a line collapsed.

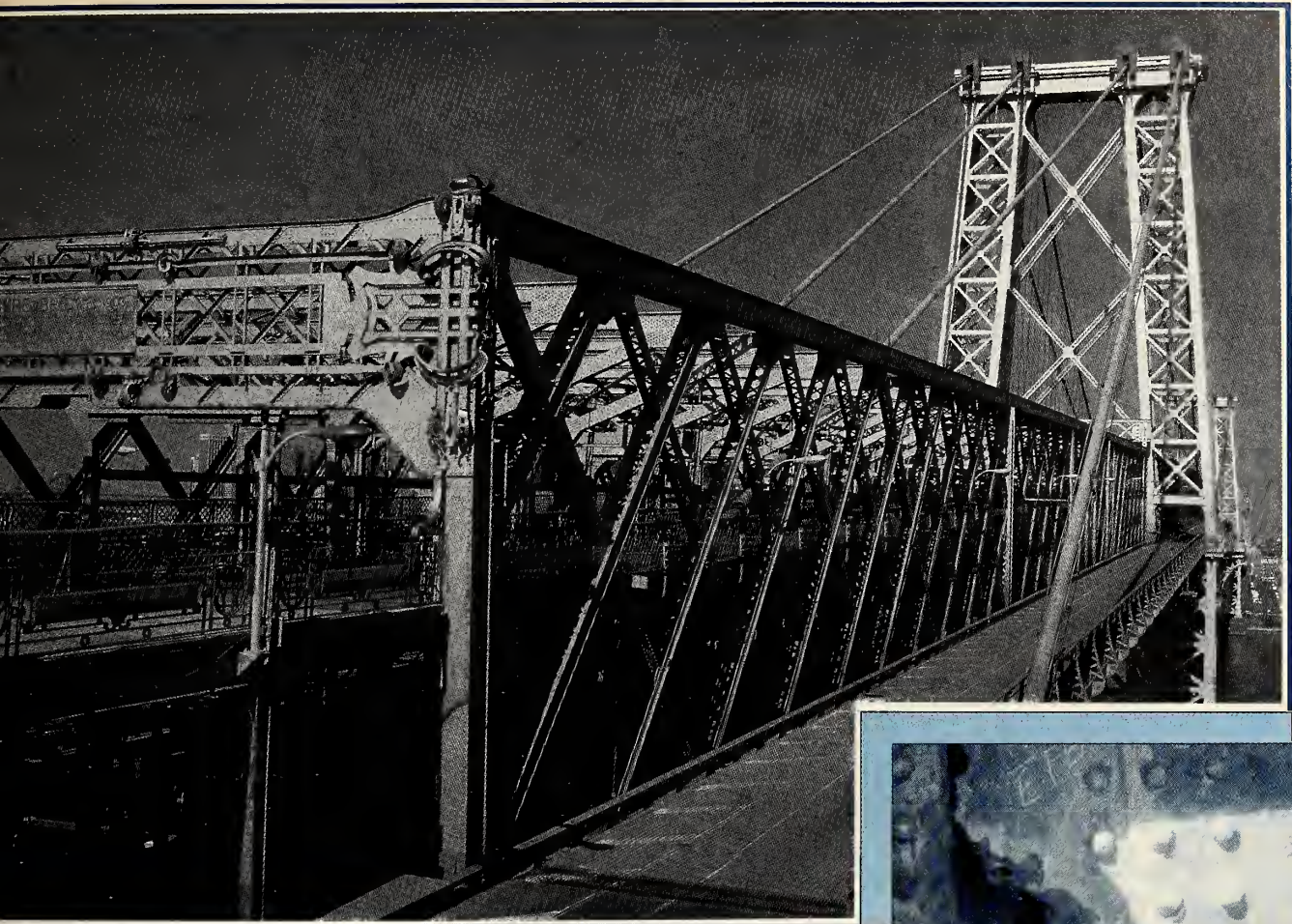
- Solid-waste facilities got a "C-minus." Among the states facing disposal crises are New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Ohio and Pennsylvania, while

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COMMON OCCURRENCE—A worker prepares a stretch of I-70 for patch work.



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BRIDGEWORK—City inspectors last year closed New York's Williamsburg Bridge because of a corroded support beam.

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the situation is only slightly better in the south and west.

The nationwide problem was highlighted last year by the ludicrous case of the traveling garbage scow, which sailed from port to port for 155 days in a fruitless attempt to unload its 3,200 tons of refuse. Nobody could handle it. Finally, the barge returned to Islip, Long Island, which had originally turned it away.

- **Bridges.** According to the Department of Transportation, about 42 percent of the 574,000 spans on the country's highways are either obsolete or dangerous. The Federal Highway Administration reported that 23 percent of these are unsafe for all vehicles heavier than cars and light trucks.

What's even more scary is that in many rural areas, drivers of school buses are ordered to stop and let the children walk across for fear the old wooden structures might topple.

In New York, a hole the size of an automobile was found in the pavement of one of the city's bridges. Last year, the 80-year old Williamsburg Bridge was closed to traffic for months because it was unsafe.

- **Highways, roads and streets.** Many of the highways, built decades ago, are

sadly inadequate for today's needs. Now 181 million vehicles pour onto the roads, about 250 percent more than in 1960.

The result is horn-honking, nerve-racking congestion. At rush hour, for example, the Long Island Expressway to the suburbs has been dubbed the "world's longest parking lot." Route I-93 from the Massachusetts Turnpike to the Charles River in Boston can match it, and so can I-70 west of Denver in ski season. Just as bad are the routes from Miami to northern points, Sarasota to Tampa, Princeton to New York and the Beltway around Washington, D.C.

IF CONDITIONS are terrible outside the cities, they're even worse inside where gridlock paralyzes traffic, costing untold billions in loss of work and gasoline, and adds more fumes to the already polluted air. Perhaps, even worse are the miles and miles of rutted and pot-holed streets in desperate need of repair.

Communities across the nation are grasping for solutions. Some cities have dipped into the past and reactivated ferry services. On Long Island, frustrated homeowners in the posh Hamptons, are shelling out \$190 per trip for 90-mile

seaplane rides rather than hitting the roads. The council's grade for the country's roads and highways? A "C-plus."

- **Aviation.** Despite a sharp rise in the number of travelers, no major U.S. airport has been built since Dallas-Fort Worth in 1974. Some have been enlarged, but no new ones added.

The FAA estimated that overcrowding cost airlines an extra \$2 billion in operating costs in a recent year and that passengers lost more than \$3 billion in lost time.

Moreover, the air control system, currently undergoing a \$16 billion modernization, needs "substantial upgrading to maintain safety," says the council, which awards aviation a grade of "B-minus."

How did America get itself into this mess? The reason is not enough money has been allocated to improve the leak-

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BLADDER SURGERY

C U R E S

Age-Old Problem

A substitute-bladder operation performed by Dr. Charles L. Reynolds Jr., an Oklahoma surgeon, seems to have solved the problem that has stymied urologists for decades.

By Edward Edelson

LIFE looked tough for retired U.S. Army Gen. Ernest L. "Mike" Massad when the doctor told him last March his bladder was cancerous and had to come out. A veteran of hard combat in World War II, Massad knew the surgery would save his life, but he didn't like losing his bladder.

Then Massad's doctor told him about Dr. Charles L. Reynolds Jr., a urological surgeon at Deaconess Hos-

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pital in Oklahoma City, near Massad's home town of Ardmore. Reynolds had developed a technique that used a section of the patient's small intestine to make a fully functional, substitute bladder. The operation had been performed on several patients and seemed to work.

Massad had the operation. His verdict several months later: "I'm functioning almost normally now. It's fantastic how well it's working."

For Massad, the artificial bladder operation was the latest chapter in a lifetime of achievement that has landed him in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. An All-American fullback at Oklahoma University in the 1930s, he later earned the Silver Star, Distinguished Service Cross, Bronze Star and Purple Heart in the Pacific, then served as a deputy secretary of defense in the 1960s and

commanded the 95th division of the Army Reserve in Oklahoma.

For Reynolds, Massad's operation was also a significant chapter in the story of an operation designed to save thousands of Americans from the acute discomfort that results from bladder removal. It's a problem that urologists have struggled with for decades.

As the kidneys filter waste products out of the blood, urine is produced constantly and must be stored temporarily in the body; the alternative is constant urination.

Until recently, storage options following bladder removal have been few and grim. One possibility was to implant tubes in both kidneys to catch the urine, which is stored in an external bag that has to be emptied periodically. Another was to run the urine through a tube to the colon, which would store the urine internally, but at the risk of infection and kidney problems.

THE solution was to create a substitute bladder, but it hasn't been easy. The first attempt was reported in 1888, but success has been elusive because any substitute bladder must meet a number of criteria.

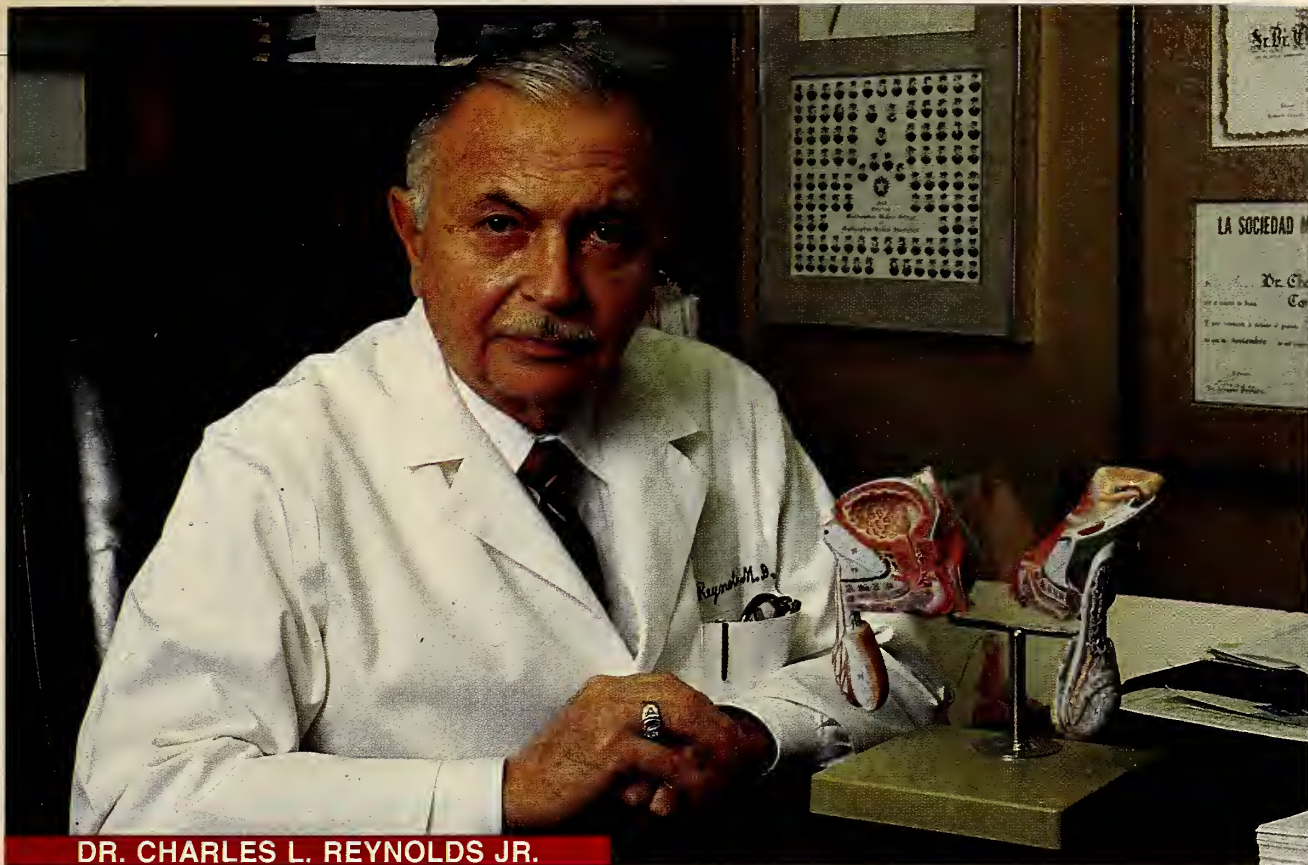
"First, it should do what you expect of a normal bladder," Reynolds said. "It should be made of a substance within a person's own body that will contract and allow the bladder to be emptied as guided by the pressure gradient of fluid.

"Second, it has to be lined with mucosa, a lining that does not excessively absorb unwanted chemicals, because that would cause a chemical imbalance in the body.

"Third, when the bladder fills, the urine should not go back up the tubes to the kidneys. If it did, it would eventually destroy the kidneys.

"Finally, it should also be attached to the normal sphincter, the valve that controls the flow of urine, so the person can be continent through the normal channel."

Until Reynolds developed his operation, the closest approach to a substitute bladder used a segment of the ileum, a part of the small intestine. Devised in the 1980s, this operation creates a pouch with an opening in the outer wall of the abdomen. The patient disposes of the urine by inserting a catheter to empty the pouch periodically—the urinary equivalent of a colos-



DR. CHARLES L. REYNOLDS JR.

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tomy. The procedure is a great advance over past techniques, but it does have its problems, such as the risk of infection because of the opening in the abdominal wall.

Reynolds built on that procedure to create his advanced version of the substitute bladder. It's a goal he's been working toward for 30 years, starting with a U.S. Public Health Service grant when he was with the University of Texas Southwestern Medical College in Dallas. He has continued that research in Oklahoma City, where he is a professor of urology at the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine.

Reynolds' substitute bladder is created by taking out a long segment of the ileum and rejoining the severed parts to permit near-normal digestion of food. Sections of the ileum are sewed together to create a cylindrical reservoir with about the same capacity as the normal bladder. The reservoir then is joined to the ureters, the tubes that carry urine down from the kidneys, and the urethra, the tube that goes down from the bladder. An

artificial valve using a plastic patch is sewed in to prevent urine from flowing back up the ureters.

Reynolds performed his first artificial bladder operation in May 1985 on 64-year-old Warren Harnsberger, another Ardmore resident who entered

the hospital with bladder cancer. He's done seven more since then, including the operation on Massad. All eight patients are doing well, with fully functioning bladders, Reynolds said.

As many as 10,000 Americans a year could benefit from the operation, said Reynolds. The most common reason for surgical removal of the bladder is cancer, but the operation can also be done to relieve an excruciatingly painful condition called interstitial cystitis, a mysterious disease in which the bladder progressively becomes scarred and contracts, so that urine has to be diverted out of it.

Reynolds is the only one in the world doing his version of the substitute bladder operation now, but he says others will soon begin. Last October he flew to Buenos Aires to deliver a report at a meeting of the International Congress of Urology. Doctors at six major universities will soon start doing the artificial bladder surgery, he said. "It offers an alternative in which the patient can function normally rather than wear a bag on his side." □

"IRON MIKE" MASSAD

HIS opinion of the operation: "I'm functioning almost normally now. It's fantastic how well it's working."



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A S E N S I B L E

ENERGY SOURCE

FOR THE NUCLEAR AGE



IMPRACTICAL—Large-scale use of solar energy is too expensive to produce.

By Dr. Edward Teller

THE history of mankind is thoroughly intertwined with the history of its energy sources. Slave labor is undoubtedly the most intelligent form of energy, though not the most obedient. Human labor is also renewable, though not inexhaustible. But the most important purpose of technology is to relieve the burden of those at the bottom of the human pyramid.

Fire, which releases chemical energy,

was the first use of energy. Since it could easily go out of control, I suspect that objections were raised to its use. But people undoubtedly told each other about the invention, and its use spread. According to myth, fire was not given by the gods, but stolen from them by Prometheus. His punishment was to be chained to a rock and visited each day by vultures who tore at his liver.

When nuclear reactors were about to become available, I actually believed that the scientific contribution would solve the problem of energy forever. I listened, more astonished than comprehending, when one of my colleagues predicted that as its originators we

would be more cursed than Prometheus.

The secret of an energy source a million times more potent than fire was kept under double lock and key. First, the complexity of the topic made it hard to understand even if all the details had been explained. Second, nuclear energy was developed under wartime rules of secrecy so that practically nothing could be explained.

People first learned about that secret when the bombing of Hiroshima killed 80,000 people. A prior demonstration might have ended the war without further suffering, but atomic explosives were used to end the nightmare of World War II. By the time that nuclear energy could have been explained to those sufficiently interested, the emotional association of wartime deaths and nuclear energy was well established.

In addition, the new bomb brought the phenomenon of radioactivity to public attention. Radiation has been around since life began, but before 1945, radioactivity was only mentioned in connection with the healing waters of some European spas. With the bombings, the world learned that in truly massive quantities such as 400,000 mrem (milliroentgen-equivalent-in-man), radiation killed about half of the people exposed to it.

BEFORE pronouncing sentence on the modern Prometheus, let's examine a few facts:

People are radioactive. People who sleep alone in a single bed receive less radiation than people who sleep together. We have enough naturally occurring radioactive isotopes in our bodies to receive 28 mrems each year from that source alone.

The sky and soil are radioactive. A cascade of high-energy particles from the atmosphere irradiates us constantly, producing an annual dose that also averages 28 mrems. The more often we fly in an airplane, and the higher the elevation of our home, the more that dose increases. The mineral content of the soil also includes naturally occurring radioactivity, which

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NUCLEAR LAG—*The United States, which pioneered nuclear technology, ranks 15th in the world in its use.*

increases our dose by an average of 26 mrem per year, except for regions like the Colorado plateau where it is two to four times higher.

Homes are radioactive. Houses help shield us from cosmic radiation, but because of their materials, they add an average of 3.5 mrem to our radiation dose. Exceptions are found in brick houses, which add 7 mrem per year, and for naturally occurring radon, which can be trapped in well-insulated houses, and thereby add up to 4,000 mrem a year. Cooking with natural gas (6 mrem) or watching television (0.5 mrem) also add to exposure.

Exposure to radioactivity, as should be obvious by now, is very much a part of everyday life. An average American is exposed to 180 mrem each year. There is absolutely no evidence that doses of radiation several times higher have any detrimental effects. In fact, as the old-time spas suggest, a small amount of radiation might even have benefits.

Massive doses, such as those received in a single exposure by some of the

survivors of the bombings in Japan (400,000 to 500,000 mrem), are correlated with an increase of some kinds of cancer as are the massive doses given 15,000 patients in Great Britain suffering from a spinal disorder in the early 1950s, who received on the average a dose equivalent to about 700,000 mrem. In the latter case, the doses were distributed over time, which makes them much less damaging than doses received promptly. However, the incidence of cancer was small. For example, almost three decades later, two-tenths of 1 percent of the atomic bomb survivors had developed radiation-induced leukemia.

The most authoritative report on radiation, the 1980 BEIR Report, stated: "It is not yet possible to estimate precisely the risk of cancer induction by low-dose radiation because the degree of risk is so low." Current estimates of harm from radiation are derived from the known risk of a massive dose of radiation. By dividing both the dose and the risk, it becomes possible to claim that a 10,000-mrem dose has a

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certain probability of harm. But in spite of thousands of studies, no evidence of harm has ever been demonstrated for so low a dose. The risk of damage from 500 mrem of radiation is so small that it would require a study involving billions of people to determine statistically whether or not there was an effect.

Actually, nuclear reactors routinely release less radiation than coal-burning plants. Three accidents have occurred where radiation escaped; the first, in 1957, was at the Windscale plant in Britain; the second, in 1979, at Three Mile Island; the third, in 1986, at Chernobyl.

No one was hurt at either of the first two accidents. If the amount of radioactivity released at Three Mile Island, which exposed those nearby to a dose of about 70 mrem, is arbitrarily called one unit, then the Windscale accident released a thousand units, and Chernobyl, a million units. A reasonable estimate of related deaths among the people heavily exposed in or near the Soviet plant suggests that in the next

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PROPOSED FY 1990 VA BUDGET

'AN INSULT TO VETERANS'

SHOCK and dismay were the reactions of Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke when he learned of the proposed VA budget for Fiscal Year 1990. "I trust the new administration will not support the budget proposal that has been submitted," Gierke said. "It's an insult to the nation's veterans, and The American Legion cannot support it."

At press time, the Reagan administration's proposed VA budget would cut nearly 9,000 VA health-care employees, reduce medical facility construction and deny medical care to possibly thousands of veterans.

The VA, which will become the Department of Veterans Affairs this month, has a proposed budget of nearly \$30 billion to fund medical, compensation and other programs for 27.3 million veterans, their families and survivors of deceased veterans.

"It's quite apparent that the Office of Management and Budget has no intentions of correcting the decremental budgeting that has resulted in seriously restricting or curtailing VA health-care benefits," Gierke said. "While the budget proposes an increase of \$185.8 million for the Department of Medicine and Surgery, it ignores the fact that there is already a shortfall of between \$600 million and \$1 billion in the medical budget."

The budget includes \$318 million to fund a 3.6 percent compensation cost-of-living allowance, and calls for legislation to index VA compensation payments to the annual change in the Consumer Price Index. COLAs for VA compensation currently are subject to congressional hearings and must be



MIXED BLESSING—Next year's proposed VA budget would help speed up service at VA hospitals by denying medical care to many needy veterans.

voted on each year by Congress.

The OMB claims that indexing would guarantee full and timely COLAs for veterans receiving compensation payments. The Legion, a long-time opponent of such indexing, points out that through the years COLAs granted by Congress are more generous than those tied to the CPI. "Of equal importance," said John Sommer, director of the Legion's Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division, "is that indexing might eliminate the need for COLA hearings before the veterans's affairs committees. This would deny The Legion the forum and opportunity to

THE LEGION'S POSITION

Res. 453, approved by the 70th National Convention in Louisville, Ky., in September 1988, expressed the Legion's opposition to any efforts to restrict or eliminate VA health care. Res. 286 urges the President and Congress to provide full funding for all veterans' programs.

testify and raise additional compensation issues that are addressed in our resolutions."

The budget also includes \$453 million to support operations of the Home Loan Guaranty Fund; however, it also seeks to make the origination fee permanent and raise it to 3.8 percent from its current rate of 1 percent. The Legion opposes any fees charged to veterans who apply for VA home loans and blames questionable management practices and high inflation for the huge deficits in the program.

"No matter what the VA calls the fee, it amounts to making veterans pay for what is intended to be an entitlement," Gierke said.

Gierke also was critical of a budget proposal that would

require non-service-connected veterans to pay per-diem rates in addition to the means-test copayments. The additional charge would apply to prescriptions, and inpatient and outpatient visits. "The Legion has always, and will always, oppose a means test and making veterans pay for VA medical care," said Gierke.

Other FY 1990 VA budget requests included:

- An additional 40 employees in the Office of General Counsel to meet the anticipated increase in the work load resulting from the Veterans' Judicial Review Act.
- \$112 million for a new medical facility at Palm Beach, Fla.
- A repeal of the recently reinstated travel-allowance provisions to permit only veterans in need of special transportation or those who live 100 miles or more from a VA medical facility to receive reimbursements.
- A \$12.9 million decrease from the current fiscal year for medical and prosthetic research.



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Up thru 29	\$161,000	\$138,000	\$115,000	\$92,000	\$69,000	\$46,000	\$23,000	\$11,500
30-34	128,800	110,400	92,000	73,600	55,200	36,800	18,400	9,200
35-44	72,450	62,100	51,750	41,400	31,050	20,700	10,350	5,175
45-54	35,420	30,360	25,300	20,240	15,180	10,120	5,060	2,530
55-59	19,320	16,560	13,800	11,040	8,280	5,520	2,760	1,380
60-64	12,880	11,040	9,200	7,360	5,520	3,680	1,840	920
65-69	8,050	6,900	5,750	4,600	3,450	2,300	1,150	575
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Membership Card No. _____ Year _____ Post No. _____ State _____

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2. Have you been confined in a hospital within the last year? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give date, length of stay and cause _____
3. During the last five years, have you had heart disease, circulatory disease, kidney disease, liver disease, lung disease, diabetes, or cancer, or have you had or received treatment or medication for high blood pressure or alcoholism?
No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, give details _____

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Dated _____, 19____ Signature of Applicant _____
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EYEWITNESS TO HISTORY

IN EARLY March 1919, Army Sgt. George W. Bentley, serving with an engineering purchasing unit in Paris, saw an item in the *Stars and Stripes* about an upcoming meeting of AEF servicemen at the Cirque de Paris to discuss forming a veterans' organization. He made a mental note to attend, if possible.

"I was bored and thought it would be a good way to kill time," said Bentley, 91, a member of Minneapolis' Calhoun Post 231. "But I also was curious to see what these fellows had in mind."

That historic event, held March 15-17 was the Paris Caucus, an embryonic gathering that would nurture The American Legion into becoming America's largest group of wartime veterans. Two months later, at the St. Louis Caucus, May 8-10, the American Legion constitution was written. Bentley and 11 other men who witnessed those first steps of the infant Legion are the surviving members of an august group called the Society of American Legion Founders Ltd.

Bentley said the Paris Caucus had all of the atmosphere of a high-powered, American political convention. "I had the best seat in the house because I was up in the balcony of the auditorium," he said. "Many of the boys held up signs identifying the units they served in, and there was a lot of cheering."

The chilly, pre-spring weather outside contrasted sharply with the heat of emotion that occasionally filled the auditorium, Bentley recalled. "I remember a few times there was shouting and debating, usually over what the Legion should stand for and how it should operate. In the end, everyone was working toward the same goal—getting the Legion off and running."

The mood of the Paris Caucus, and later at St. Louis, was egalitarian from the outset. Although there were many luminaries in attendance, including Col. W.J. "Wild Bill" Donovan, battle-



ENERGY PLUS—Bentley, 91, still drives his own car, pushes the lawn mower and runs errands for neighbors.

field hero Sgt. Alvin York and enough brass to make even John Philip Sousa envious, rank had few privileges when participants filed into the auditorium. Slick-sleeved privates found themselves on equal footing with generals, with one exception.

"The enlisted men sat in the balcony and the officers had floor-level seats,"

said Maurice Lepavsky, a Legion founder and member of Advertising Men's Post 38, Villa Park, Ill. "But everyone had the opportunity to speak."

Indeed, both enlisted men and officers were assigned to various committees to plan for the meeting in St. Louis. "The great thing about the Paris Caucus is that the Legion didn't end after the fellows came home from Europe," Bentley said. "They went on to St. Louis and did their work."

One founder who did attend the St. Louis Caucus was Hamilton Fish Sr., 100, of New York. Fish's attendance was more than just as a casual observer as he and two others were tasked with writing the preamble to the Legion constitution.

"There was a strong sense of decorum and responsibility," said Fish, a member of New York's Kingston Post 150. "Teddy Roosevelt Jr. was asked to head the Legion and he refused; they even tried drafting him from the floor and still he refused," Fish recalled. "Young Roosevelt turned it down because he wanted to avoid any criticism that he was using his family name to get ahead, or that the Legion was a political machine."

The years have significantly thinned the ranks of American Legion founders. But for men such as Bentley, Lepavsky and Fish, their faith in the Legion and its many works has not diminished. Both Bentley and Fish often appear at national conventions and other Legion functions; and Bentley still drives his car, pushes his own lawn mower and runs errands for neighbors. Lepavsky currently is serving as post adjutant and volunteers at Hines VA Medical Center near Chicago, where even today, he receives treatment for maladies related to the mustard gas exposure he received in World War I.

"Concern for veterans is what drew me to the Legion," Lepavsky said. "That's what's keeping me alive today. To me, caring for unfortunate veterans and their families is why The American Legion exists." □

Last Of The First

MEMBERS of the Society of American Legion Founders Ltd. include:

George W. Bentley, 91, Minneapolis; **Vahan Dukmejjan**, 97, Setauket, N.Y.; **E.C. Dutcher**, 96, Stockton, Calif.; **Fred E. Ellis**, 89, Harlingen, Texas; **Hamilton Fish Sr.**, 100, New York; **Harry L. Foster**, 89, San Diego; **Selmar L. Jerpak**, 92, Bloomington, Minn.; **Maurice Lepavsky**, 91, Villa Park, Ill.; **William J. Meade**, 91, Randolph, Miss.; **Dr. Maynard H. Mires Sr.**, 94, Georgetown, Del. (current president); **Claude B. Payne**, 89, Dallas; **Jack E. Specter**, 91, Bay Pines, Fla.; and **PNC Erle Cocke Jr.**, Bethesda, Md. (honorary member)

THE AMERICAN LEGION 1919-1989

Shaping The Fabric Of The Nation

PVT. Aaron Levy, 307th Infantry, was facing another six to eight months in the hospital, recovering from war wounds. He was slipping further into debt every day, trying to support his wife on government pay of \$6.50 a month, after allotment and insurance deductions.

Before Charles W. Smith went into the Navy, he was making \$56 a month. As a coal-passer during the war he made \$36 a month. His wife was forced to live with her mother and bill collectors constantly hounded her. "My home was wrecked and my health lost," he said. "When I returned, my bed was all I had and that was in a strange house."

Another soldier was seriously disabled following his discharge. He spent almost a year contacting and writing various government agencies. He got many promises that his claim would be allowed, but never any financial assistance. Homeless and penniless, he finally collapsed in the street and was taken to the hospital.

These were the times that gave birth to The American Legion. With the signing of the Armistice Nov. 11, 1918, war ceased for most of America's 2.5 million fighting men, but for Levy, Smith and thousands of others returning from Europe with crippling injuries and psychological scars, it was the beginning of their own personal wars.

*The Legion can
boast of numerous
accomplishments
on behalf of the
nation's veterans
during its first
70 years.*

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Government services to help them through transitional periods were fraught with inefficiency, substantial delays in meeting claims and employee callousness toward the veterans' right to a square deal. Thousands of brave young men, who had fought the nation's war for not much more than \$1 a day, returned home to a life of subsisting on friends, relatives and charity. As of July 1919, The Federal Board of Vocational Education, with its 1,635 salaried employees, had placed in training only 3,973 of the 230,000 Americans disabled during the war.

"The American Legion was born out of the ashes of World War I," said Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke. "It saw the raw treatment being forced on veterans and their families and it didn't like it. So it did something about it."

Within months of its founding, the Legion was lobbying Congress and the American public to support a four-point veterans' benefit package that included land settlement, loans to buy farms and homes, aid to complete education interrupted by war, and readjustment and compensation assistance.

Seven decades have passed since the Legion was founded. Although mere mention of the name, The American Legion, may evoke as many definitions as there are Legionnaires, by whatever definition, the organization's record of achievements has left a lasting imprint on the fabric of America.

Foremost among those achievements has been its long-time commitment and service to veterans, whether they are Legionnaires or not. Care for veterans, especially the sick, the poor and the disabled, is one of the philosophical pillars on which the organization was built.

WWI veterans were faced with many problems, which the Legion leaders quickly confronted. In 1920, the Legion demanded that the White House investigate charges of shoddy medical treatment for many disabled veterans. Legion founders contended that the fractious group of federal agencies responsible for veterans' programs was one source of the problem. Because of these early Legion efforts, the investigation resulted in the consolidation of all veterans' programs under the auspices of the U.S. Veterans Bureau, forerunner



WHERE IT BEGAN—Observers praised *The American Legion* founders at the *Paris Caucus* for their strong sense of purpose and responsibility.

of the Veterans Administration.

The Legion's greatest single achievement, however, was to occur more than two decades later, when America once again was plunged into another global war. The Legion was the chief author of the 1944 Servicemen's Readjustment Act, better known as the GI Bill. That landmark legislation, written mainly by PNC Harry Colmery and other Legion officials, improved VA medical treatment and increased the number of VA facilities; provided education and vocational benefits; established employment and job-training programs; and guaranteed home loans to returning veterans of World War II.

"This stellar accomplishment made the difference in millions of veterans' lives," said W.F. Lenker, chairman of the Legion's Veterans' Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission. "Also, it demonstrated the nation's commitment to those who have served in uniform."

The Legion's role as an advocate for veterans has not diminished over the years. In the 1950s, a group called the Economy League was pressuring Congress to dismantle the VA and turn its services over to other agencies. Legionnaires were able to thwart those efforts and, in fact, successfully lobbied for improved programs and services for

returning Korean War veterans.

The Legion also has been in the forefront of Vietnam veterans' causes. The organization was among the first to urge the government to recognize the problems of veterans suffering from the ill-health effects of exposure to the dioxin-based herbicide Agent Orange. (See related article, page 42.)

THE findings of a five-year American Legion-Columbia University study on Vietnam veterans were unveiled by Gierke on Veterans Day 1988 in the nation's capital. The study, which surveyed the responses of both combat and non-combat veterans, revealed that veterans exposed to Agent Orange tended to have a higher rate of certain health problems. The study also found that veterans who experienced high levels of combat had greater readjustment problems in civilian life and often suffered from a number of psychological problems, including Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Another major Legion effort on behalf of Vietnam veterans was its fund-raising efforts for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, D.C., which was dedicated on Veterans Day 1982. Legionnaires donated \$1.25 million, making the organization the largest single contributor to the project.

More recently, the Legion led the charge to elevate the VA to Cabinet status, which will become a reality this month. For years, the Legion urged that

the agency be upgraded, arguing that a Department of Veterans' Affairs would give veterans' concerns a stronger voice on Capitol Hill.

"Perhaps some of the Legion's greatest achievements for veterans are still to come," Gierke said. "As America's aging veteran population continues to spiral, so, too, does its health-care needs. The Legion consistently has urged Congress to adequately fund medical programs for aging veterans." By 2000, 10 million veterans will be 65 or older, most of whom will be eligible for veterans' health-care programs.

The achievements of The American Legion, diverse as they might be, all share one common denominator, Gierke said. "They are the direct result of every Legionnaire who gets involved with a particular program—something that benefits the lives of others."

The key to Legion strength always has been its vibrant membership, which has made it the largest and fastest growing veterans' organization. When the books closed on this past membership year, the ranks of the organization reached a 38-year high, with more than 2.85 million Legionnaires.

"We continue to grow because the Legion is an effective conduit for the concerns of veterans and mainstream America," Gierke said. We have endured and will continue to do so because the Legion is not a *me* organization. It is, in every sense, a *we* organization." □

The American Legion and Columbia University Study

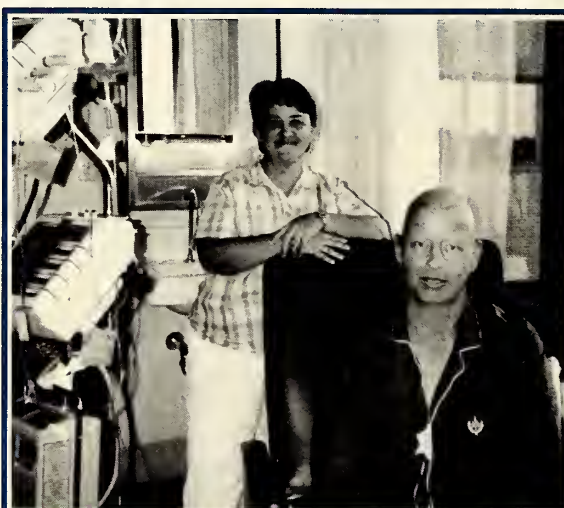
AGENT ORANGE

THE FINAL BATTLE

This is the first of a five-part series examining the significant findings of The American Legion and Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans. The first installment details the Agent Orange findings. Future issues of this magazine will cover the study's conclusions on PTSD, The Social and Psychological Scars, Combat, and Veterans' perceptions of, and experiences with, the VA.

AS AN Army rifleman in Cambodia in 1970, Andy Grimes of Trenton, Tenn., dodged Viet Cong snipers and ambushes, and edged his way through booby-trapped terrain where one wrong step could guarantee a ticket home in a body bag. Like other "grunts," Grimes welcomed the sight of barren land where jungle once stood because it robbed the enemy of a place to hide. The defoliant Agent Orange worked well.

Grimes returned from Southeast Asia believing the war was behind him. But in 1986, he was fighting for his life in another war: doctors diagnosed him as having a rare lymphoma type of cancer in the lower abdomen. Grimes sought disability benefits from the Veterans Administration, citing his personal physician's prognosis and copies of records showing that he had served in areas where Agent Orange was used extensively. His claim was denied.



HOPEFUL SMILES—Denied VA medical care, Grimes received two bone-marrow transplants at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, Tenn. Beside him is his wife, Virginia.

Andy Grimes did not survive his latest war. He died Dec. 5, 1988, leaving behind his wife, Virginia, and daughter, Roxanne. Also left behind was the nagging question of whether his cancer was directly related to Agent Orange exposure.

"You won't find Andy Grimes' name carved on the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, but he probably was a casualty of that war, too," said Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke. "The tragedy is compounded by the untold numbers of veterans who also may be potential casualties of the herbicide."

Since 1978, The American Legion has demanded that the government determine if exposure to Agent Orange can be directly linked to consistent and often unique health problems reported

by veterans. Some veterans, such as Grimes, have developed rare types of cancers; others have suffered liver damage, severe chloracne, chronic pain, numbness in extremities and benign fatty tumors. In addition, many veterans who served in areas where the defoliant was used have fathered children with serious birth defects.

The VA was charged by law with researching the Agent Orange connection, but made little progress. The Legion wanted the study in the hands of an independent agency. The VA finally conceded and turned the matter over to the Centers for Disease Control in 1983. After more than four years of study and spending millions of taxpayers' dollars, the CDC concluded there was not enough

information to conduct a valid study.

Meanwhile, the Legion, fed up with the dead-end government efforts, began its own probe. Headed by Drs. Jeanne and Steven Stellman, The American Legion and Columbia University Study of Vietnam Veterans was launched to examine problems faced by Vietnam veterans, including Agent Orange exposure.

The study's findings were revealed last November and published in the scientific journal, *Environmental Research*, after undergoing peer review. The results discredited the government's claim that there were not enough American troops sufficiently exposed to the herbicide to carry out a study. The Stellmans examined the record of spray missions in Vietnam,

and conducted a detailed survey of 6,810 randomly selected Legionnaires who served during the Vietnam era, 2,858 of whom were stationed in Southeast Asia. Study participants were classified into groups representing low, medium and high levels of Agent Orange exposure, and 102 of the men who actually handled the herbicide were placed in a separate category.

Here's what the study concluded on Agent Orange exposure and the health effects on Vietnam veterans:

- Agent Orange exposure was related to conditions such as benign fatty tumors, acne occurring during adult years, skin rash with blisters and an increased sensitivity of eyes to light. These symptoms were notably pronounced among herbicide handlers.

- Exposure also was related to an increased risk of miscarriages among the Vietnam veterans' wives.

- The number of complaints of skin problems, fatigue, feeling faint, and general aches and colds were significantly higher among men who served in Vietnam than those who didn't. Veterans exposed to Agent Orange experienced increased incidence of those symptoms.

The study, however, did not examine the link between Agent Orange and cancer. "Our study specifically was designed not to determine whether a relationship exists between herbicides and cancer, because our study population was too small to answer the cancer question," said Dr. Jeanne Stellman.

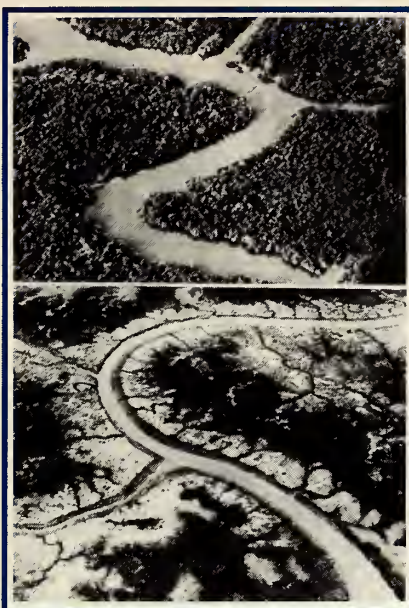
Nevertheless, researchers and other medical experts long ago established that dioxin agents are carcinogenic, or cancer-causing. Agent Orange contains dioxin.

RAIN OF TERROR

Between 1962 and 1971, 11.8 million gallons of Agent Orange were dumped throughout Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos to strip away jungle vegetation and deprive North Vietnamese forces of concealed sanctuaries and staging areas for ambushes.

During that nine-year period, Air Force C-123 cargo planes flew spraying missions in what was known as "Operation Ranch Hand." In addition, other missions were carried out via helicopters, boats, trucks, jeeps, personnel carriers and by troops in the field, who carried the defoliant in backpacks.

In conducting the Legion study, the Stellmans examined the records of the National Academy of Sciences'



BEFORE AND AFTER— The top photo is an aerial view of a mangrove forest in South Vietnam before it was sprayed with Agent Orange in 1965 (bottom photo).

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HERBS tape, which documents 9,495 spray missions, including the dates, chemical agents, amounts, locations and purpose of the missions. The researchers also examined the U.S. Army and Joint Services Environmental Support group's records of spray missions. Armed with that data and the responses of those who participated in the study, the Stellmans concluded that exposure to Agent Orange can be adequately matched by comparing troop movements with spray missions. That finding contradicted CDC's claim that Agent Orange exposure cannot be adequately documented.

In an editorial preceding the report of the Legion study in the December issue of *Environmental Research*, researcher Dr. Michael Gochfeld wrote: "Such a position (CDC) is unduly narrow. If accessibility of high-quality exposure data were the gold standard, virtually no occupational epidemiology would ever be performed. . . . Previous studies that have calculated morbidity, reproductive and mortality outcomes for Vietnam veterans as a group are subject to misinterpretation. The present paper (Legion-Columbia study) explains how to avoid the pitfalls. . . ."

HOW IT BEGAN

In 1976, Maude DeVictor, a VA

caseworker in Chicago, noticed a pattern of recurring health problems among veterans who reported having been exposed to a great deal of chemical defoliants during their tours in Vietnam. After extensive research, the trail led to Agent Orange and its deadly dioxin contaminants.

The discovery resulted in a media blitz about the mysterious defoliant and its possible effects on exposed veterans. Researchers were forced to re-examine their earlier conclusions.

In 1978, the VA, which had not recognized herbicide-related illnesses and health problems, reluctantly began to give veterans Agent Orange examinations. Since 1986, the VA also has been responsible for providing treatment for those who can prove their health problems are attributable to exposure, a requirement that many veterans, including Andy Grimes, have found is almost impossible to prove.

"Andy felt as if nobody in the government cared about him," said Annette Grimes, a relative. "He felt his cancer was related to Agent Orange and he died without ever having that answer."

The American Legion, from the outset, has urged the federal government to conduct a full investigation of Agent Orange and its link to cancer and other medical conditions. Delegates to the 63rd National Convention in 1981 passed Res. 387, calling for a congressionally mandated survey to study the problem, and also pledging the Legion's support of Agent Orange veterans.

"Our study clearly documents that men classified as having been exposed to Agent Orange, especially those who directly handled the chemicals, have statistically higher levels of health complaints," Dr. Jeanne Stellman said. "The pattern of those complaints is consistent with health effects seen in laboratory animals exposed to Agent Orange."

"One important finding of the study is that there is a definite need for further research," Gierke said. "To date, the federal government has not carried out its responsibility to Vietnam veterans and their families in conducting such studies. The Legion will never back off of this issue until it is resolved."

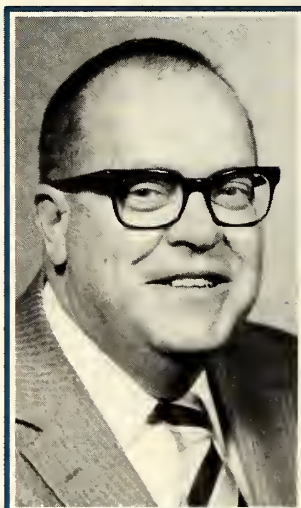
For Andy Grimes and numerous other Vietnam veterans, there remains another unanswered question: Do their names also belong on the "Wall"? □

Next: PTSD.

Legion Life Member Nominated As Veterans Affairs Secretary

EDWARD J. Derwinski, nominated by President George Bush to become the nation's first Secretary of Veterans Affairs, is no stranger to many Legionnaires.

A life member of American Legion Post 1160, Chicago, Derwinski was a guest speaker at the National Convention in Salt Lake City in 1984 while he was a State Department counsel, and he has briefed five of the past six national commanders at State Department meetings. He has been Under Secretary of State for security, assistance, science and technology for the past two years.



NOMINEE—Under Secretary of State Edward J. Derwinski is a 41-year Legionnaire from Chicago.

As we went to press in January, Senate confirmation hearings on Derwinski were scheduled for early February.

Nat'l Cmdr. H.F. "Sparky" Gierke said that the Legion was looking forward to working with Derwinski "to ensure that the veterans of this nation are not short-changed."

Gierke said that the underfunded VA health-care budget and the lingering problems of Vietnam veterans who have been exposed to Agent Orange or are suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder are critical issues that require Derwinski's immediate attention.

As a U.S. representative from Illinois from 1959 to

1983, he was credited with a major role in the passage of landmark Civil Service and Postal Service reform legislation, as well as foreign aid reform.

Derwinski, 63, an Army veteran of World War II, earned a B.S. degree in history from Loyola University under the GI Bill.

'Better Times' Full Refunds Now Available

FULL refunds are available to Legionnaires and members of the Auxiliary who subscribed to the defunct *Better Times* magazine in 1985.

After *Better Times* ceased publishing, Legion litigation succeeded in obtaining an original refund of \$9 (60 percent of the one-year subscription price) for each subscriber who contacted the Legion. Nat'l Judge Advocate Philip B. Onderdonk Jr. said that since so few of the subscribers applied for the initial refund, 100 percent refunds of the subscription price are now available.

Full refunds are being made automatically to subscribers who have contacted the Legion. Subscribers who have not filed for claims should write to: National Judge Advocate, The American Legion, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46205. Please enclose a copy of the canceled check (front and back) and a copy of any other correspondence or documentation of the subscription.

Department Of Florida Leads The Way In Legion's National History Contest

THE Department of Florida took three of the four top awards in The American Legion's 1988 National History Contest.

Florida won first place in the one-year department narrative and one-year department scrapbook competitions, and Post 8 of Winter Haven, Fla., took top honors in the one-year post scrap-

book category.

The winner of the one-year post narrative competition was Post 236 of Sharpsburg, Md. Post 118 of Norfolk, Va., was second and Post 83 of Rison, Ark., was third.

Wisconsin was second and Iowa, third, in the one-year department scrapbook category.

Second to Florida's Post 8 in the one-year post scrap-

book competition was Post 31 of Fort Smith, Ark. Post 284 of Colonial Heights, Va., was third.

National Historian Richard A. Stevens, who announced the winners, said that anyone interested in participating in the 1989 competition should check the appendix section of the Legion's *Officer Guide and Manual of Ceremonies* for details.

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Reagan Signs DVA Into Law; Gives Pen to Dept. Of Maine

THE Department of Maine has one of the pens President Reagan used to sign the law that elevated the Veterans Administration to the Cabinet.

Sen. George J. Mitchell of Maine presented a framed letter and pen from the President to Legionnaires during a ceremony at department headquarters in Waterville.

"This legislation never would have been enacted without the support of America's veterans," said

Mitchell, a co-sponsor of the bill and the new Senate majority leader. "No organization, nationally or in Maine, played a more important role in this effort than The American Legion of Maine.

"The new Department of Veterans Affairs will provide services to veterans in a consistent and effective manner, retaining the VA's traditional non-partisan approach to providing veterans services and benefits," said Mitchell, a member of American Legion Post 5, Waterville.



MIGHTY PEN—Sen. Mitchell presents the pen from President Reagan to the Department of Maine in recognition of the Legion's efforts to elevate the VA to Cabinet status. From left are: Nathaniel T. Cobb, department adjutant; Mitchell; Earl "Bud" Colby Jr., past department commander; Hercules Roy, department commander; and Charles Merrill Sr., commander, Post 5, Waterville.

Sport-Shooting Program Launched

IN ITS continuing efforts to provide challenging activities for America's youths, The American Legion has established a Junior Shooting Sports Program, which could become one of the largest youth sport-shooting programs in the nation.

"We encourage posts throughout the country to organize or support junior shooting clubs in their communities," said Gary Sammons, chairman of the National Americanism Commission. "We believe that this air-gun safety and marksmanship program will appeal to many young people who may not be involved in the Legion's other youth programs."

Sammons said that any

post, youth group, school or club with responsible adult leadership may register as an American Legion Junior Shooting Club. Club membership is restricted to boys and girls who are 14 through 20 years old.

By registering with the National Americanism Commission, a Legion junior shooting club will be able to buy air rifles, pellets, targets and other shooting equipment at reduced rates. Guides, instructor manuals, qualification guidelines and awards will be furnished by national headquarters.

Sammons said the junior shooting clubs primarily will use .177 cal. air guns instead of the traditional .22 cal. small-bore rifles and pistols because of lower equipment costs and greater availability of shooting ranges. "Most

youth groups don't have access to a small-bore range, and an air-gun range can be set up in classrooms, Legion posts or any enclosed areas that can accommodate 10-meter firing lanes," he said.

Legion officials are encouraging the junior shooting clubs to organize as Boy Scouts of America Explorer posts so they can receive the benefits of BSA affiliation, which include free liability insurance coverage and BSA competition opportunities. Any shooting club that has registered with the Legion will be eligible to compete in shooting tournaments sponsored by the Legion and other national organizations.

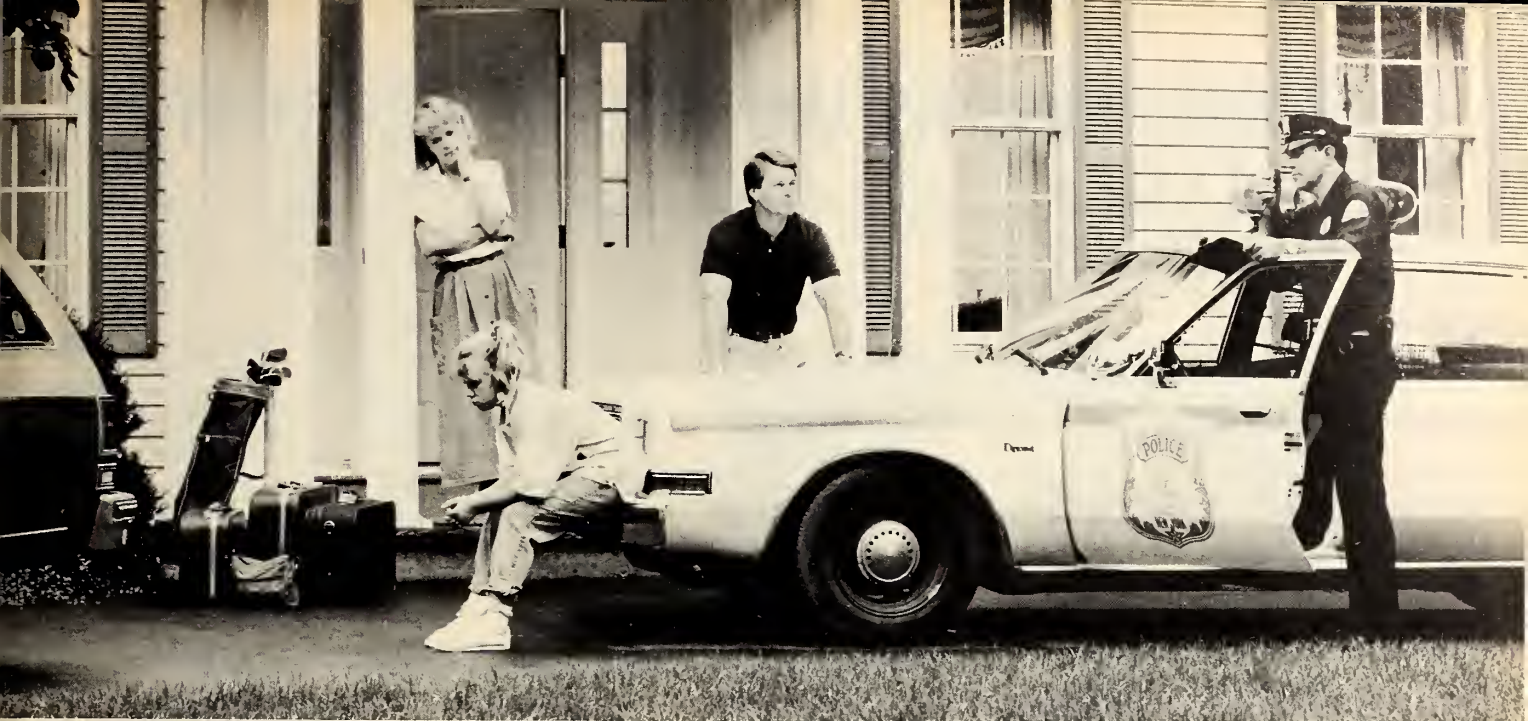
The Junior Shooting Sports Program is part of The American Legion Shooting Sports Program, which includes

sponsorship of the National Rifle Association's basic courses in rifle and pistol safety and marksmanship, NRA instructor training schools and shooting sports coaches' schools.

Sammons said that the main goal is to provide a challenging, competitive activity for young people. But he added that the Legion, the NRA and other organizations working with the program hope it will help re-establish U.S. dominance in international shooting competition.

The Junior Shooting Sports Program was authorized by Res. 30, which was passed by the NEC at its fall meeting in October.

Legionnaires and posts interested in the program or the Legion's overall shooting program should write to Shooting Sports Program, Americanism/Children and Youth Division, P.O. Box 1055, Indianapolis, IN 46206.



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—H.F. "Sparky" Gierke, National Commander.

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1989 MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Following is the 1989 Membership Report for the national vice commanders' areas, as of Dec. 29, 1988:

Nat'l Vice Cmdr. Archie Pozzi Jr.

Department	Goal	Current Membership	Percentage of Goal
Oregon	24,150	19,421	80.41
Idaho	9,000	6,911	76.78
Montana	12,801	9,648	75.36
California	135,000	101,692	75.32
Colorado	21,500	15,879	73.85
Arizona	29,975	22,038	73.52
Nevada	5,200	3,754	72.19
New Mexico	11,910	8,587	72.09
Utah	7,900	5,640	71.39
Wyoming	8,200	5,828	71.07
Washington	35,250	23,151	65.67
Alaska	7,300	4,786	65.56
Hawaii	2,500	1,469	58.76
Philippines	5,770	2,634	45.64
TOTALS	316,456	231,438	73.13

Nat'l Vice Cmdr. Ray G. Smith Sr.

Department	Goal	Current Membership	Percentage of Goal
Maryland	74,000	60,383	81.60
Virginia	42,000	33,315	79.32
North Carolina	47,200	37,314	79.05
D.C.	4,295	3,377	78.62
Florida	95,000	72,499	76.31
West Virginia	26,500	20,201	76.23
South Carolina	24,130	18,265	75.69
Georgia	37,500	26,711	71.22
France	3,000	1,274	42.46
Italy	310	0	0.00
TOTALS	353,935	273,341	77.22

Nat'l Vice Cmdr. Thomas L. Gabel

Department	Goal	Current Membership	Percentage of Goal
South Dakota	28,680	25,093	87.49
Kansas	55,100	47,210	85.68
Wisconsin	77,360	66,084	85.42
Iowa	80,500	68,073	84.56
Minnesota	128,730	107,828	83.76
Dhio	144,750	120,711	83.39
North Dakota	28,600	23,288	81.42
Nebraska	64,595	51,544	79.79
Indiana	129,000	102,631	79.55
Missouri	66,525	50,856	76.44
Michigan	83,750	63,506	75.82
Illinois	164,000	123,665	75.40
TOTALS	1,051,590	850,489	80.87

Nat'l Vice Cmdr. Harvey Holcomb

Department	Goal	Current Membership	Percentage of Goal
Louisiana	46,000	37,305	81.09
Mexico	655	538	80.90
Alabama	26,265	20,593	78.40
Tennessee	36,755	28,629	77.89
Arkansas	29,205	22,654	77.56
Mississippi	23,550	17,821	75.67
Kentucky	29,700	21,549	72.55
Puerto Rico	11,030	7,755	70.30
Oklahoma	34,000	23,628	69.49
Texas	90,500	61,989	68.49
Panama	660	179	27.12
TOTALS	328,330	242,640	73.90

Nat'l Vice Cmdr. John P. Tipping

Department	Goal	Current Membership	Percentage of Goal
Delaware	5,801	4,888	84.26
Connecticut	28,750	23,553	81.92
Maine	25,700	20,470	79.64
Rhode Island	9,650	7,661	79.38
Pennsylvania	264,712	206,835	78.13
New Jersey	74,500	58,179	78.09
Vermont	15,925	12,427	78.03
Massachusetts	67,155	51,975	77.39
New Hampshire	24,315	17,854	73.42
New York	204,000	147,667	72.38
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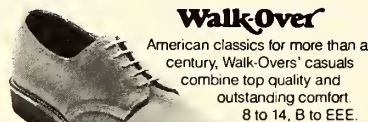


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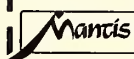
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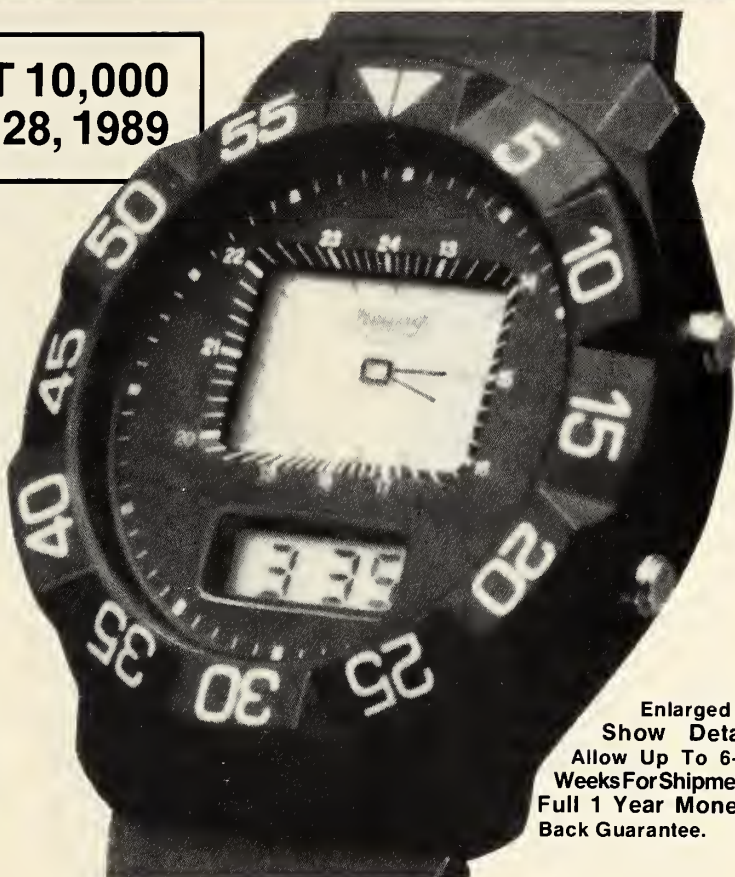
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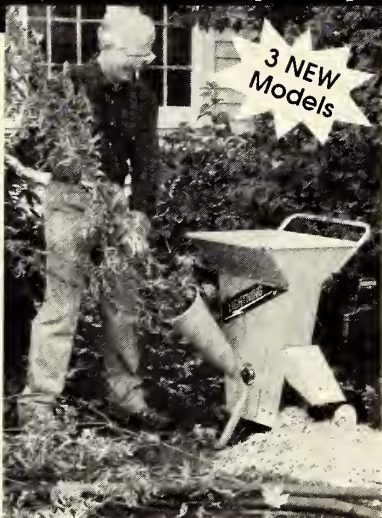
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ENERGY SOURCE

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40 years, an additional number of people, perhaps as many as the victims in a major airplane crash, will die prematurely. The accident at the Chernobyl plant killed 31 people.

Many people ask why must we use such a dangerous form of energy? No effective energy source is without some hazards: dams collapse, gas explodes, fires burn at oil wells and in coal mines. For three decades, hundreds of reactors have provided electricity. The Soviet accident was the first to involve a fatality.

According to a recent U.S. Office of Technology Assessment estimate, even with improved emission controls each year between now and the end of the century, 50,000 Americans will die prematurely from air pollution caused by coal burning. And coal mining kills 50 times as many miners per unit of energy produced as does uranium mining.

THE Chernobyl accident was about as severe as one can expect a reactor accident to be. Not only do Soviet reactors not have containment vessels, but the design of the Chernobyl-type reactors has a serious flaw: loss of coolant leads to increased heat, which leads to greater loss of coolant, a cycle that could end in a steam explosion of the reactor.

In 1949 the U.S. Reactor Safeguard Advisory Committee, on which I then served, identified that flaw in connection with the weapons-material reactors built during the war. They were decommissioned not long afterward. The potential danger, called a positive void coefficient, was announced in 1955 at the Atoms for Peace international conference.

No reactors in the Free World have that flaw, and each new generation of reactors in the Free World has even fewer things that can go wrong. For example, the nuclear plant to be perfected at Idaho Falls cannot under any circumstances experience a meltdown.

Today, most people agree that continued dependence on oil and gas is politically risky and economically harmful. The national consensus is that those energy sources should be replaced by energy that is renewable and reasonably priced, will not produce pollution, and is not hazardous to health. Unfortunately, many people still believe that,

on that basis, nuclear energy is the least desirable alternative and solar energy, the best.

While sunshine is free and plentiful, solar energy can be described as "renewable" only if that word is interpreted very narrowly. The necessary mirrors, boilers, solar cells and storage devices required are renewable only at considerable expense. Adding maintenance and operating costs, solar energy is the most expensive form of energy in use today. It is practical for use in space capsules, but despite hundreds of millions of dollars of research, large-scale use of solar energy remains prohibitively expensive.

Nuclear energy is a remarkably clean source of energy. Coal burning, like combustion of natural gas and oil, will increase the carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. That will affect the climate. Evidence is already beginning to mount that the climate is changing.

Several nations around the world have already discarded myths and implemented a safe, practical energy program. France generates 70 percent of its electricity by nuclear reactors; Belgium generates 66 percent; South Korea, 53 percent; Taiwan, 49 percent; and Sweden, 45 percent. The United States, which originated the technology, now ranks 15th in the world, using 20 percent.

However, nuclear energy is not as practical in the United States as elsewhere. The main expense of nuclear-generated electricity is not the fuel or plant operation but the construction of the reactor. In France and Taiwan, it takes an average of five years to bring a reactor into production. The average in the United States, when the last new reactor was constructed more than a decade ago, was 14 years. The regulatory process now in effect adds nothing to the safety of reactors.

For some people, no new energy source is acceptable. But they are a narrow-visioned group, unconcerned with the problems of the poor in the United States or elsewhere in the world. Without energy, there will be no economic growth. Without reliable, reasonably priced energy sources, our present standard of living is apt to become a dim memory. We must discard the myths and begin implementing a sensible energy policy. □

Author's Note: The facts about radiation in the United States are drawn from the report of the Committee on the Biological Effects of Ionizing Radiation (the 1980 BEIR report) on The Effects on Populations of Exposure to Low Levels of Ionizing Radiation: 1980, published by National Academy Press.

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In this light, the recent breast-beating, the *Sturm und Drang*, the reiterated and exaggerated "Sorrows of Young Werther," strike me as grossly exaggerated. Despite the general decline of authority in America, the authority of Adam Smith has—perhaps surprisingly—risen of late. In 1777, after the Battle of Saratoga, Smith was hailed in the streets of Edinburgh by an acquaintance: "Dr. Smith, Dr. Smith, have you heard the dreadful news from North America?"

"No," responded Adam Smith. "What is it?"

"Burgoyne has been forced to surrender with all his forces. It's the ruination of the country."

"There is a lot of ruin in a nation," responded Smith insightfully, if not sympathetically.

We sometimes forget as we watch for those indicators of marginal decline how powerful this nation is and how remarkable that power is in relation to virtually all of human history. We will, no doubt, err—but those errors will not seriously endanger this republic. Regrettably, those errors may affect other nations—smaller, weaker and dependent upon us. For that reason, we must be particularly careful. As our margin of power declines, we should compensate by striving for greater skill and wisdom. But there is no reason to look to the future with foreboding. □

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moon. How soon will we get back there?

A. That is a presidential decision just like the Space Station was, and we are looking at several options. One is to go back to the moon, not with a permanent base there, but men-tending. We would place scientific instruments there—probably on the far side of the moon—and have people shuttle back and forth to change experiments, repair instruments and so forth. Then we would gradually move up to a permanent habitat where people live and work on the moon, much the same as you would on the Space Station. After that it's on to Mars.

That is one scenario. Another is to go right ahead and begin to manufacture and process materials on the moon. There are good materials there, except hydrogen.

Q. What is the value to mankind of all these space programs?

A. Why are we doing it? We know some of the things we can do out there. We know, for example, that mining the moon is going to be a worthwhile endeavor. Occupying Mars will be a desirable thing, probably sometime in the next century. Energy is there, which is really the life-giving element, and so are the materials. But we probably will do the same thing on the moon, which is less habitable, less comfortable. There is no atmosphere there and it is very hot in the daytime and very cold at night; but, nevertheless, it is close to Earth.

Q. NASA's budget is up to \$10 billion, an increase of \$1.8 billion. Can that budget survive next year?

A. It has to, but I think it even has to be more. We've got to get something like \$14 billion a year in today's dollars to have a viable space program. Otherwise, we are going to have to cut back and restructure the whole program. It is clear to us at NASA that this is what has to be done, and it also is becoming clear to Congress. The Congressional Budget Office has pointed out that unless we move up to \$14 billion in a reasonable length of time we are going to have to restructure the space program.

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By Mike Henson

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SWEDEN—Medical researchers at the University of Kuopio, in Finland, have discovered (accidentally) a new weight-loss formula. The new discovery enables an overweight individual to lose pounds and fatty tissue without dieting or exercise.

Scientists made the discovery while searching for a formula to lower cholesterol. In a controlled study of a test group of people, cholesterol levels remained unchanged but the doctors were astounded to find that every patient who used the formula lost weight. The published report of this study stated, "A highly significant decrease in body weight was seen" in patients who received the formula.

The formula was then tested in Sweden at Sahlgren Hospital, University of Goteborg. Again, all patients lost a substantial amount of weight even though they did not change their eating habits. The report detailing this study, published in the British Journal of Nutrition, stated: "Body weight was significantly reduced even though the patients were specifically asked not to alter their dietary habits." One patient in this study lost more than 30 pounds.

According to one informed source, the active ingredient comes from a 100% natural botanical source and contains no drugs or stimulants. When taken before mealtime it bonds with the food you eat and "ties up" calories, preventing their absorption.

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public are willing to spend that kind of money?

A. No question about the public. But with Congress, there will be a fight to increase our budget while holding the rest of the government within Gramm-Rudman-Hollings targets.

Q. How does NASA's program relate to the Strategic Defense Initiative? Are we receiving benefits from that research and development, and vice versa?

A. Mostly vice versa. We are helping SDI with some of its programs. I expect some of the technology would

come back someday and help us, but so far it has mostly been a one-way flow. One program from which we will ultimately benefit is the advanced launch system. This is the heavy-lift launch vehicle we will need one day when we go back to the moon and on to Mars.

Q. How does national security benefit from NASA programs?

A. In two areas: the Space Shuttle, which is still the primary vehicle for launching sensitive payloads for the Department of Defense; and experiments on the Space Shuttle and on the Space Station. The Space Shuttle is primarily a space lab where people work in space for short periods of time. We will be doing experiments for all kinds of national security objectives, but they don't involve weapons; we don't expect to carry weapons at NASA for the DoD. I should also refer to technology which, as mentioned earlier,

THE SOVIET LEAD IN SPACE

SOVIET dominance in civil space technology, which offers long-term military advantages, was clearly established Nov. 16, 1988, with the successful unmanned first mission of the new space shuttle. U.S. apologists maintain that the Soviet shuttle is no more than a copy of the U.S. shuttle, which it certainly is, and has no greater capabilities, which is certainly not true.

While it may well prove to be even more expensive to operate than the U.S. shuttle, the Soviets really do have a space transportation system: Energyia (the external tank in the U.S. system) can be used separately to place 100-ton unmanned cargoes in low Earth orbit. That is the equivalent of Shuttle-C, the unmanned cargo carrier urgently needed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, but which will cost another \$3 billion to develop.

But by the time—and if—Shuttle-C is available to help assemble the planned International Space Station in 1995, the Soviets will certainly be well ahead with the assembly of Mir-2, a much larger and more advanced space station than Mir-1. By then 16-day flights will be possible aboard at least one U.S. orbiter to give Western scientists the opportunity to perform up to 12 days' microgravity work on materials and vaccines. But the Soviets by then will have had space stations pro-

viding unlimited microgravity time for 20 years.

Like the United States and other emerging space countries, the Soviets have suffered setbacks; Soyuz TM5, bringing back two cosmonauts and an Afghan from Mir-1 in September 1988, narrowly escaped disaster; and the addition to Mir of two more modules—a badly-needed large airlock and a more advanced microgravity facility—is two years behind schedule.

But what must be the greatest concern to the West, is the near-impossibility of catching up with the Soviets in manned space flights. On Dec. 21, 1988, cosmonauts Vladimir Titov and Musakhi Manarov, became the first humans to spend a year in space. The longest time in orbit achieved by U.S. astronauts was 84 days in 1974. The Soviets already have one cosmonaut with 430 days' experience; seven with more than 300 days; eight with more than 200 days; and four with more than 100 days. We fell further behind because of the Challenger incident.

The Soviets soon will be ready for a Mars expedition to study the prospects for colonizing the planet as we exhaust the resources of Earth. To keep the cost down, the Soviets are inviting Western participation. But who can doubt that as things stand, man's first expedition to the planets will be Soviet-led? □

we're transferring to the DoD. We decided to build up NASA's space technology program with the Civil Space Technology Initiative and the Pathfinder. Both are designed to help the civilian and military programs.

There is another benefit to consider. A secure country is a country with a strong economy. For 30 years now, NASA has made a huge contribution to the nation's economic welfare through new technology that private enterprise is able to translate into new products and processes. This is a major reason why the United States has been able to retain the world lead in such things as computers, aerospace products and medical technology.

Q. It has been argued that the Soviet Union is doing great things in space and that we must keep up. How do we stand in comparison with the Soviets?

A. You have to separate the problems since there are many aspects of space activity. One is the military aspect, and I'm not prepared to discuss that one. Then there are the civil and commercial aspects. There is just no comparison between our commercial activities and the Soviet Union's. I think half the world's communication satellites are U.S.-produced, and there is no comparison between the Soviet Union's and our unmanned vehicles. The main difference is in our man-in-space program, which was set back because of the *Challenger* accident. More than that, because of the budgetary constraints we did not pursue a space station program until 1984 when the President announced it. We had the beginnings of one in Skylab in 1973, but that was not a permanent station. So we went back and built a space lab on the Space Shuttle, which was good for experiments, but not for the human working and living in space.

That is where they are ahead and that gives them a head start on any missions to Mars, but not necessarily to the moon. On missions to Mars, you need to have long-duration space activity. We are learning from the Soviets, but there is nothing like doing it yourself.

Q. Can we afford to let them remain ahead?

A. I don't think so. We have to be a leader in the major activities in space. We are the greatest nation in the world. How can we sit back and let somebody else take the leadership on something so important?

Q. Can we assume that the Soviet

Union puts the major thrust of its work into military uses in space?

A. No, I think it is evenly divided. But the problem is in analyzing where the military use ends and civilian use begins. For example, the Soviets now have what is called *glavkosmos*, which means "commercial." I don't know what commercial means in the Soviet Union. So now their space programs are listed as military, civil and *glavkosmos*. In the past the military did all of the launch vehicles and all the launches for their space station, which was initially *Salut*. Both the *Soyuz* and *Mir* are military launch vehicles. *Salut* itself was a military launch vehicle and

yet it was used for civilian activity. In this country, there is a clear separation because one is semi-classified and one is completely open.

Q. Since the *Challenger* accident, do you believe space technology has advanced enough to keep that kind of tragedy from happening again?

A. No. It could happen again, even though today it is a much safer vehicle. It is going to be a high-risk business for some years to come. We have got to make sure people are on their toes—and that means the whole organization, not just the people operating the shuttle. ☐

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Agency and the Pentagon.

At some point, largely because of his presumed drug connection with the Medellin cartel, Noriega was seen by various parts of the administration and Congress as a liability. Administration opinion was, nevertheless, quite divided until the federal indictments in February 1988. At that point no one in the administration wanted to look soft on the drug issue.

There have been, however, a few bright spots. The Panama Canal has continued to function efficiently, as it has since the treaties were signed. Noriega is careful not to tamper with the canal issue. Except for several incidents of harassment, the PDF has not interfered with the use of our military bases or the operations of the United States Southern Command in Panama.

The Panama Canal today is less important to U.S. shipping than in an earlier age and is subjected to increasing competition from other transportation facilities. Yet we and other shipping nations want to keep it efficient.

Our military base rights, on the other hand, have become more important since the Sandinista uprising and the Salvadoran coup in 1979.

Under the Panama Canal Treaty, these base rights expire in 2000, and all foreign military forces should be out of Panama. Nothing in international politics is unchangeable, however. It could be argued that under certain conditions, the United States might have the option to gain new base rights. Such conditions, however, would have to include at least three indispensable elements:

- Panama's perception of threat from conditions in neighboring countries. The huge Sandinista army in Nicaragua today represents such a threat.

- An excellent record of working relationships between the U.S. forces and the PDF. Before the present diplomatic impasse between the two countries, such a relationship had been building.

- Economic advantages to Panama. Basically, the "going price" for U.S. base rights in non-NATO countries would help quiet the opposition.

The danger in letting the present situation continue is that economic decline will further polarize and impoverish

the Panamanian society, eroding the chances for democratization and stability. Politics will tend to become increasingly radical, the middle class will gradually leave the country, and the military will become even less inclined to share power.

What should the new administration do to get things back on track?

First, get beyond the present bilateral dispute as quickly as possible. This will include our being less interventionist and relying more on the help of Panama's Latin American neighbors and its own internal democratic political parties. Every effort must be made to reach a quick accord under which the economic sanctions can be lifted. Among the conditions should be a sound agreement to cooperate fully in denying the use of Panamanian territory to international drug trafficking; and some reasonable understanding as to the conduct of Panama's next general elections, scheduled in May. Instant democracy should not be demanded. It is unrealistic and ultimately a Panamanian question that cannot be settled in Washington. A positive trend, however, with freedom of expression and a civilian government, is possibly attainable in the short term.

Second, a generous U.S. economic package should be offered to help reconstruct the country's economy. A bill aimed in that direction has already been proposed, which provides for approximately \$200 million in grants and credits.

The ultimate question is that only if Panama is economically successful and stable by 2000, will future U.S. interests be well-protected. Today's policies must help Panama get economic recovery and democratization back into motion. ☐

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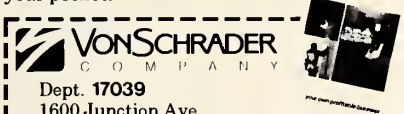
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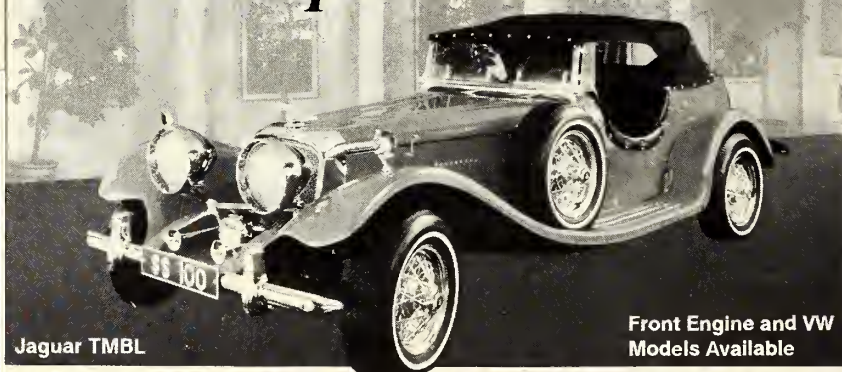


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While individual investors from the Far East have been accumulating American homesteads, overseas banks and corporation have been busily purchasing American office buildings and factories. "It goes against the grain to work for somebody who doesn't salute the flag," one Tennessee businesswoman told a CBS interviewer. Noting that the foreign acquisitions may deny future Americans the opportunity to gain corporate ownership, she added, "We'll have to tell our children that we sold their birthright."

The irony is that such sales are often the result of direct American overtures to foreign buyers. Hoping to create jobs, officials from depressed regions are enticing prosperous foreign businesses to set up shop in their area. The most ardent pitchmen hail from Kentucky, Tennessee and the Pacific Northwest, but no less than 35 states maintain so-called "offices of economic development" in major capitals such as Tokyo and London.

WHAT WE CAN DO

Professor Bill Davidson offers this four-point plan for coming to grips with the inadequacies of our system:

- A dose of protectionism. "We simply have to change the terms of our trading with our partners; stop being everybody's dumping ground and lay down the law, as we have done of late, with some success, in the case of Korea."

- A 5-percent consumption tax. A national sales tax may be politically unpopular, but it is economically necessary if America is to compete with Japan. "We have to give people an incentive not to squander their savings."

- Reinstating the investment tax credit for trade-related industries.

- Fund the Strategic Defense Initiative, and broaden it to the "Strategic Technology Initiative," to prevent the Japanese from gaining a stranglehold in the technology marketplace.

Such steps must be taken soon, Davidson warned, otherwise, "It wouldn't be a bad idea to learn a foreign language."

Bureaucrats who staff these offices have the cash and clout to do what's necessary to close the deal: they wine and dine, offer to build interstates, promise to regrade inconvenient topography. In courting Mitsubishi, Illinois officials dangled about \$88 million worth of incentives in front of the Japanese industrial giant.

Union spokesmen so far have taken the pragmatic view, saying they'd rather work for a foreign country than not work at all. Still, some domestic economists see things differently.

"We can't allow ourselves to fall into a situation where we're exporting too much of our gross national product abroad," said Harvard professor Ezra Vogel, whose book, *"Comeback,"* explores America's current dilemma. "The potential for economic disaster is just too high."

Davidson's chief worry? "What happens when they start buying American high-tech industry?" The prediction, he contends, is already coming to pass. Today, half of America's patents are registered in foreign names.

The defense implications of such takeovers are chilling. "They acquire our technology and then market it abroad," Davidson said. "When you see American defense technology pass to the enemy through Japanese hands, that's the ultimate insult."

The rising tide of foreign ownership in American factories also raises grave questions about what might happen if our industrial resources needed to be galvanized to fight a war. Factories could not be so easily "nationalized" as they were in World War II.

Further, Davidson points to the undue influence foreign banks gain through their increasing role as a source of American investment capital. At press time, for example, a consortium of Japanese banks were set to finance the \$25 billion buyout of RJR Nabisco, the largest corporate takeover in U.S. history.

"The Japanese use their financial clout as leverage in gaining other concessions," Davidson said. "Once they know you're dependent on them for loans, they start asking: 'Are you buying U.S. steel?' Maybe you should consider Nippon Steel' . . . 'Oh, and where are you getting your computer chips these days?'"

Rounding out the list of concerns is the quiet but impressive headway the Europeans and Australians have been making in their quest for control of the American communications industry. Though total foreign ownership is still relatively small, the rate of growth is

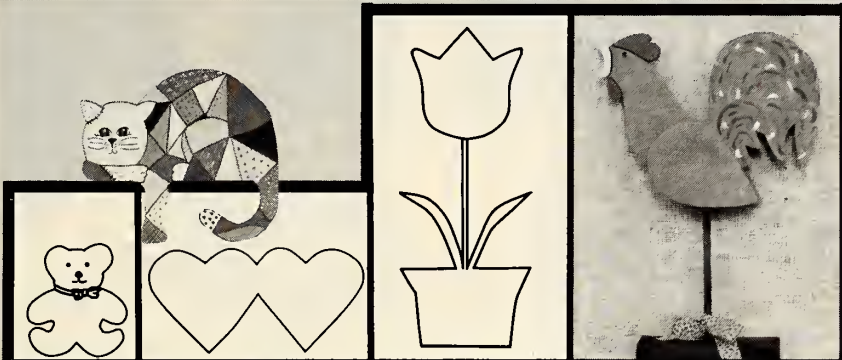
large enough to stoke fears about what might happen if U.S. publishing and broadcasting decisions were made from overseas.

In the end, the issue of foreign ownership in America may be all the more upsetting because it's too one-sided. Japan, in particular, has largely managed to keep out U.S. investors and owners. There is a handful of super-firms that have settled in the Orient — IBM, Texas Instruments, John Hancock — but not many enjoy the kind of autonomy we grant to foreign investors. Indeed, "not worth the effort" is how

most American corporations rate the complex rules and financial strings of operating abroad.

In a battle with such unfair ground rules, many experts are not optimistic about our chances. If this keeps up, warned Massachusetts Institute of Technology's business dean Lester Thurow, "we'll be treated like Mexico and told how to run our country."

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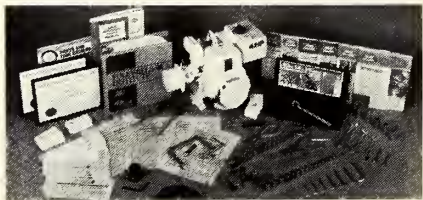
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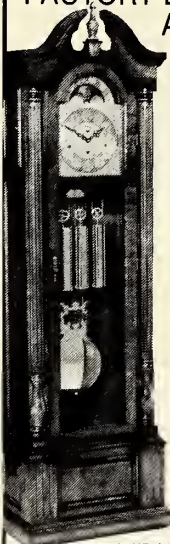
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ing, buckling, cracking, overloaded infrastructure. The solution, however, is far from simple.

In 1950, one-fifth of the nation's total expenditures at all levels of government went for public works. In 1984, only 34 years later, spending for maintaining and operating all infrastructure facilities plummeted to less than 7 percent of federal, state and local spending. In the same period, expenditures for welfare and education rose to more than 40 percent, from 10 percent.

According to the council's report, federal, state and local investment in our roads, bridges, sewers and all other vital systems represented 3.6 percent of the nation's gross national product in 1960. By 1985, this fell to 2.6 percent.

The problem was exacerbated by these factors: Soaring inflation increased the costs of repair and construction, and thus the funds that were allocated didn't go nearly as far as officials hoped; the oil crisis and subsequent energy shortages plus conservation measures by states reduced the number of cars on the roads, bringing in fewer dollars in gas taxes and in tolls or user fees; the Tax Reform Act of 1986 put restrictions on state and city governments to issue tax-free bonds, which finance improvements; and in 1986 Congress ended the revenue-sharing program, which had parcelled out grants to communities for public works.

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2000. Fixing highways and bridges alone, the committee says, would require about \$700 billion; waste-water collection and treatment, \$163 billion; mass transit and other transportation, \$178 billion.

Clearly, a massive national commitment is urgently needed to ensure the capacity and performance of our public works. First and foremost, many experts agree, the sick patient must have a massive transfusion of funds. The council recommended that the annual spending for the infrastructure must be increased by 100 percent above the current levels.

Soon after the council issued its report, Moynihan introduced a bill to provide \$160 billion over the next 10 years to states and local governments, which will supply an equal amount in matching funds. The measure also proposes to establish a National Infrastructure Corporation to provide additional financial aid to important regional and national projects. These might include new beltways around cities, new major airports or new bridges, just one of which could cost well over \$500 million. The measure, also submitted in the House, is now before congressional committees.

The council also recommended full spending of federal highway, transit,

aviation and waterways trust funds, which now have a cash balance of \$24 billion. These taxpayer dollars, which are amassed from user fees and can only be spent on the nation's infrastructure, are sitting idle in government accounts. Some observers feel that Congress has been hoarding the money to make the deficit seem smaller.

Another key step should be the removal of roadblocks hindering cities and states from raising capital for public improvements. The alternative minimum tax, passed in 1986, imposes a levy on buyers of tax-free bonds. Therefore, with fewer investors buying them, state and local governments are

forced to pay higher interest to attract purchasers, which raises the cost of improvements. Capital-poor states are especially strapped to pay the higher interest rates.

Although legislation to encourage investment in the infrastructure will help, the problem requires all the imagination and innovation that leaders of government, business and industry can muster. That may not come until the American people demand that their bridges, highways, mass transit, waste-disposal plants, water systems and other facilities crucial to the nation's progress and financial strength, are put back in running order. ☐

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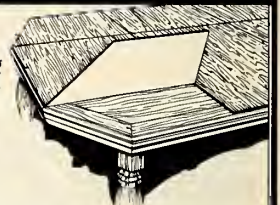
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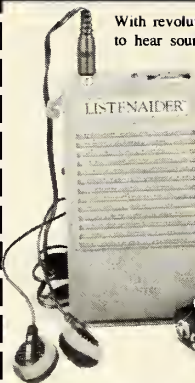
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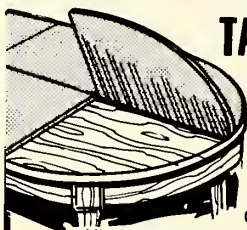


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